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**HOW
TO RECEIVE
MIRACLE
HEALING**

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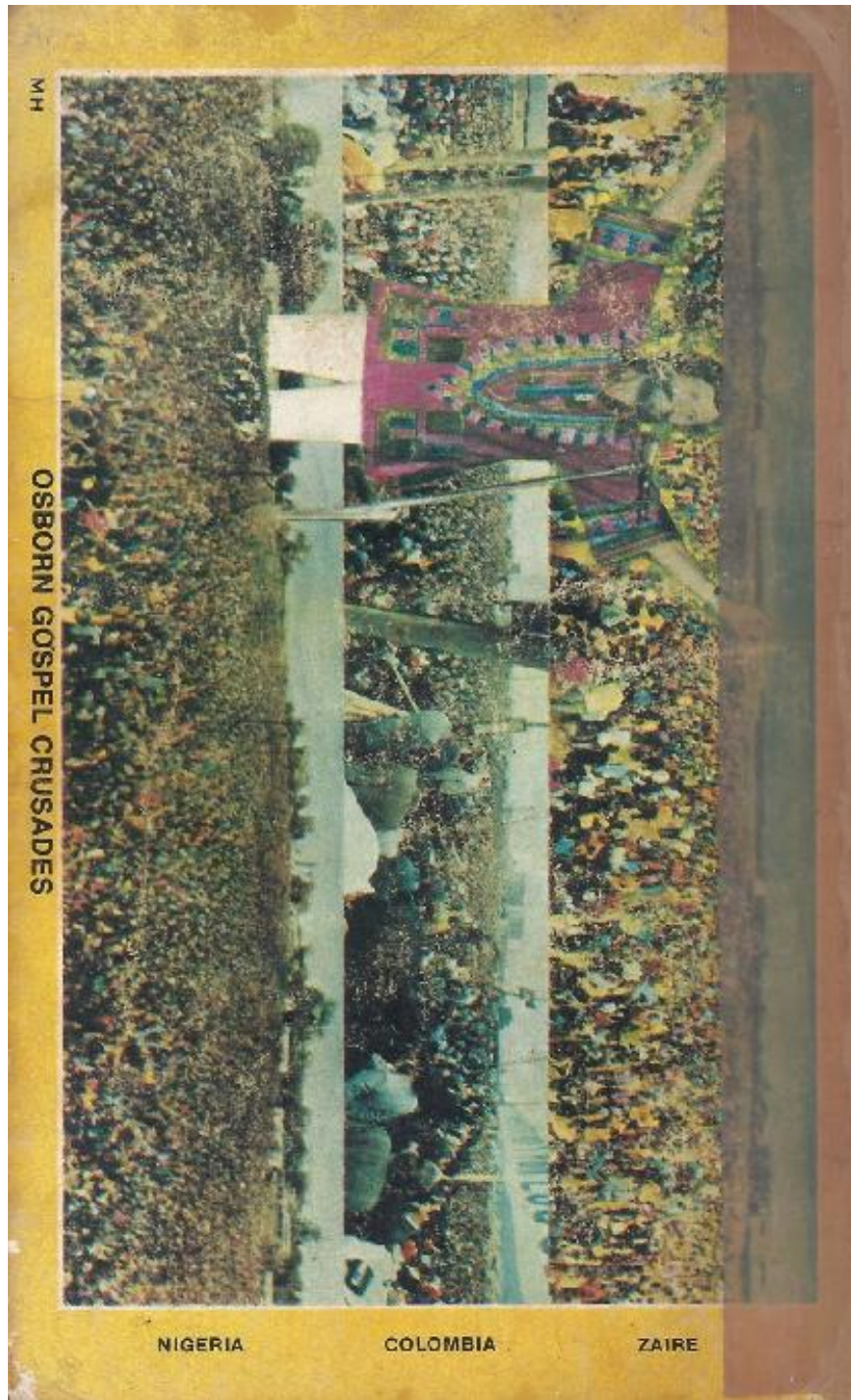
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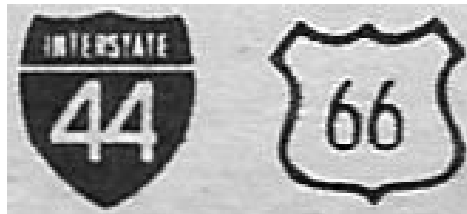
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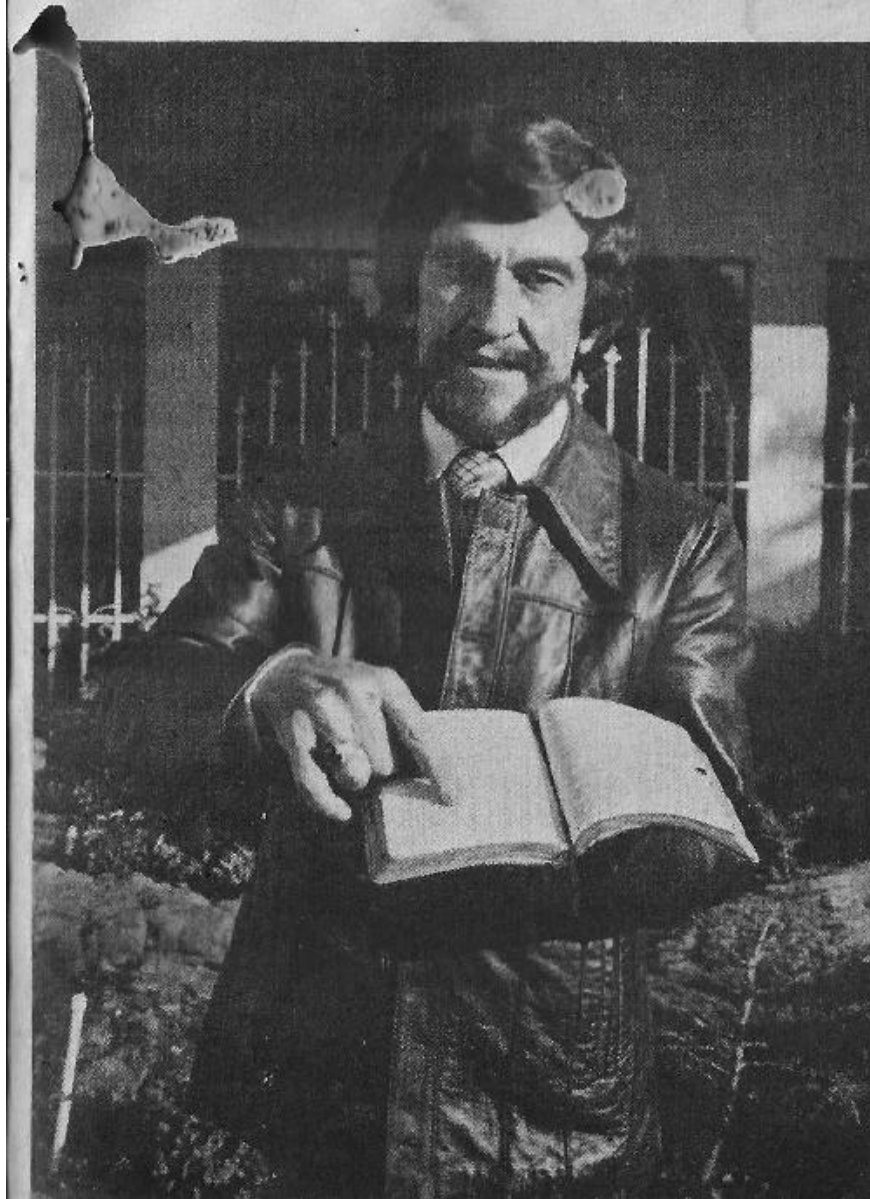
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To DAISY, my loving and faithful wife, Co-founder and Administratrix of the Osborn Foundation and all of its soulwinning

ministries, First Lady of Evangelism, World Ambassadors for Christ, Companion-Laborer in sharing Jesus and His life and power with millions, face-to-face in over sixty nations.

Footnote Abbreviations

L.T. - Literal

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M. - Moffatt

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PREFACE

During 30 years of mass evangelism in over 60 countries, we have prayed for hundreds of thousands of people who have attended our Crusades, seeking forgiveness for their sins, relief for their burdens, solutions for their problems, healing for their diseases. We have seen every kind of miracle imaginable, including the raising of the dead and the cleansing of lepers.

For years I have seen the need of a practical book which would set forth the essential truths about healing in the Bible, so that people in need of God's help could get a quick, clear grasp of the Scriptural facts which create faith for God's miracles, His solutions, His healing.

In the seven sections of this book, we present to you seven steps to receive from Christ the miracle that you need. These are the basic truths which we have taught to MILLIONS — *face to face* in our great Crusades around the world. They are the steps which have brought faith and miracles to hundreds of thousands of people.

Those who pray, but fail to receive from Christ the miracle they desire, usually lack knowledge of what the Bible says about God's blessings. Without knowing these truths, the person in need has nothing upon which to base his faith.

Hundreds of people have told us that after having been prayed for *without results*, they later received a miracle from God through their own faith, when they read this book and learned what the Bible so clearly teaches about prayer and faith.

A totally deaf man wept while I prayed for his healing. But when his ears did not open immediately, he left the platform very disappointed. I gave him a copy of this book. He promised to read it. He returned two days later rejoicing, and with perfect hearing. He

said that as he was reading the book, he received Christ and a new living faith, and was instantly healed of his deafness.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

Paul said: "Faith cometh by hearing . . . the word of God." Romans 10:17.

We have prepared this book for those who desire and need God's miraculous blessings, and who want to glorify Him in their lives.

EXPECT THE MIRACLE YOU NEED FROM GOD — WHILE YOU READ THIS BOOK. Jesus said, "I AM . . . THE TRUTH." John 14:6. He will reveal Himself and manifest His power and presence TO YOU INDIVIDUALLY, as He comes to you through the pages of this book.

So read it reverently. EXPECT THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING CHRIST. He promised the one who loves Him and seeks Him: *I will come unto him ... and will manifest (reveal) myself unto him.*" John 14:23, 21.

May God bless you as you read.

COVID-19 Faith Healing Confessions

(A) 7-Line SLIGHTLY VARIATING Faith Confession – Repeat for 2-4 hours a day. Repeat from pure memory.

1. God can't lie. 'We are healed of (ALL) SICKNESS (Isa 53:4, 5)'. I hate sin. I love God. I love everyone. I love thinking this thought.

2. God can't lie. 'We are healed of COVID-19 (Isa 53:4, 5)'. I hate sin. I love God. I love everyone. I love thinking this thought.

3. God can't lie. 'We are healed of FLU (Isa 53:4, 5)'. I hate sin. I love God. I love everyone. I love thinking this thought.

4. God can't lie. 'We are healed of BLOCKS (Heart Blockages) (Isa 53:4, 5)'. I hate sin. I love God. I love everyone. I love thinking this thought.

5. God can't lie. 'We are healed of CANCER (Isa 53:4, 5)'. I hate sin. I love God. I love everyone. I love thinking this thought.

6. God can't lie. 'We are healed of BLINDNESS (Total or Partial) (Isa 53:4, 5)'. I hate sin. I love God. I love everyone. I love thinking this thought.

7. God can't lie. 'We are healed of (ALL) WEAKNESS (Isa 53:4, 5)'. I hate sin. I love God. I love everyone. I love thinking this thought.

REPEAT FOR 2-4 HOURS A DAY.

However, if you are ADDICTED to pornography, or other sexual sins, then the word 'SIN' will be too abstract and imprecise to work. Replace, 'I hate sin' with 'I hate attractive feelings. I hate bodies'. If you are married, then use the words, 'I hate non-wife attractive feelings. I hate non-wife bodies' instead.

N.B.: The ABOVE confession must be MEMORIZED and recalled from memory. It must NOT BE READ from a page or book.

Recalling from memory alone, FORCES the mind to
CONCENTRATE on the words.

Do this for about 2-4 hours everyday.

(B) Multiline Faith Confession

1. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'He is the Lord that heals us of the COVID-19 SICKNESS. Exodus 15:26.'
2. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'He takes away COVID-19 sickness from the midst of us. Exodus 23:25.'
3. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'He delivers us from the noisome COVID-19 pestilence. Psa 91:3.'
4. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'Nothing bad will happen to us. No COVID-19 virus will kill us. Psa 91:10.'
5. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'No COVID-19 plague shall come near our dwelling. Psa 91:10.'
6. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'We bless the Lord, Who forgives all our iniquities. Psa 103:3.'
7. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'We bless the Lord, Who heals all our COVID-19 diseases. Psa 103:3.'
8. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'There is not one feeble person (that is susceptible to COVID-19) amongst us. Psa 105:37.'
9. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'He sends his word, and heals us of COVID-19. Psa. 107:20.'
10. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'He heals the brokenhearted. Psa. 147:3.'
11. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'The Lord gives power to those faint with COVID-19. Isa 40:29.'
12. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'We shall run, and not be weary with COVID-19. Isa 40:31.'

13. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'We shall walk, and not faint with COVID-19. Isa 40:31.'

14. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'With the Lord's stripes, we are healed of COVID-19 Isa. 53:5.'

15. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'The Lord takes away our COVID-19 infirmities. Matt. 8:17.'

16. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'He carried away our COVID-19 sicknesses. Matt. 8:17.'

17. God's Word can't lie. So it has to be that, 'The Lord heals every COVID-19 sickness amongst the people Matt. 9:35.'

REPEAT FOR 20 MIN

CONFESS DAILY

Chapter 1: THE MIRACLE CHRIST

HERE IS one of the most wonderful statements in the Bible: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

This is the Jesus who walked the shores of Galilee, who healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, and raised the dead.

This is the Jesus who forgave sinners and relieved the oppressed. He is the Son of God who "came into this world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 19:10.

This Jesus is the same today as He was in Bible days. His *power* is the same today as it was then.

His *ministry* is no different now than it was then. When you read the Gospels of the Lord Jesus Christ, remember this: God wants you to believe that whatever Christ did for people *then*, He will do for *you* today. Christ, who walked the shores of Galilee, is right there at your side this very moment — as you hold this book in your hands.

He is there to *heal* you if you are sick.

He is there to *save* you if you are a sinner.

He is there to *relieve* you if you are oppressed.

He is there to *help* you if you are in need.

Jesus, who healed the sick and gave sight to the blind, still has compassion for those who suffer today. He who blessed the poor and forgave sinners *then* is still the Savior *now*.

If people could come to Him and receive His mercy *in Bible days*, you or I can come to Him and receive His mercy *today*!

If God's promises were good *in Bible days*, His promises are just as good *today!*

If the leper could fall down before Him and receive healing *then*, Mark 1:40-42, a leper can fall down before Him and be miraculously cleansed *today*.

If paralytics could rise and be whole at His command *then*, Mark 2:9-12, paralytics can be instantly healed through the power of His Word *today*.

If sinners could be saved, forgiven of their sins and reborn to a new life *then*, John 3:3,7; Ezekiel 11:19; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6, sinners can be changed by His soul-saving power *today*. How glad I am to know that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has not changed!

I've seen Him do miracles and wonders. I've been present when He raised paralytics up and they walked and ran and jumped. I've witnessed the marvelous miracle of the opening of blind eyes — so very many times. I've beheld the wonder of Him unstopping deaf ears and loosing dumb tongues.

Jesus said, "All power in heaven and in earth is given unto me." Matthew 28:18.

His Word says, "If we shall ask any thing in his name he will do it." John 14:14.

The Bible says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall never pass away." Matthew 24:35. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

I've seen the Lord do these miracles with my own eyes — hundreds, even thousands of times during our 30 years of great Gospel Crusades in over 60 nations. Therefore, no one can tell me that Jesus Christ is dead, or that He has changed.

People change. Traditions and religions change. Nations and governments change. Churches and ecclesiastical systems change. But "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever!" Hebrews 13:8.

The Bible says, "He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Matthew 4:23.

The Bible says, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing *all* that were oppressed of the devil." Acts 10:38.

Thank God, He's still doing those same miracles of mercy and compassion *today*.

The Bible gives an account of one of the meetings where Jesus was preaching and ministering. It says, "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Matthew 11:5.

If He did those things *then*, *He will do those things today!*

NOW WE'VE SEEN what the *Lord* did in Bible days. What did the *people* do when Jesus was visibly among them?

If we want Christ to do what He did for the people in Bible days, then we must do what the people did then. We must come to Him as they came to Him, hear His Word as they did, believe on Him, call on Him, and follow Him like the people did then.

The Bible says that the people "ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was ... And they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his

garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.” Mark 6:55-56.

My friend, that can happen *today* the same as it happened *then*! *As many as touch Him TODAY will be made whole - just the same as they touched Him THEN and were made whole.*

For three years, Jesus walked among men here on earth. He was always healing, blessing, and forgiving humanity. Multitudes flocked after Him and He blessed them. Matthew 12:15; Matthew 14:14; Matthew 15:30-31; Matthew 19:2; Mark 1:32-34; Mark 10:13-16; John 6:2. But, in spite of His mercy, His love and His miracles of compassion, He was despised by religious men, rejected, and *finally crucified*. Matthew 27:26-38; Mark 15:20-38; Luke 23:33-34; John 19:16-18.

But after they put Him in the sepulchre, Luke 23:52-53, three days later God raised Jesus from the dead according to the Scriptures, Matthew 28:1-6; Luke 24:1-12; Acts 1:2-3; Acts 2:32; Acts 3:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:4.

After His resurrection, Jesus called His disciples together and appeared unto them. Mark 16:14. He commanded them with these words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Then He promised, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." And He warned, "He that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16.

Then He made this wonderful promise: "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; ... They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18. Then He promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

Isn't that a wonderful promise?

That means that the Lord is with me as I write, and He is with you as you read, right there where you are at this moment.

The Bible says, "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat at the right hand of God. And (his followers) went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:19-20.

That same Lord Jesus Christ is right there with you now, to confirm His Gospel to you, just the same as He was with His disciples after His resurrection, "confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:19-20. He said, "If thou canst only believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23. He is there with you right now, in His Spirit, to confirm His promises to *you, if you can only believe.*

Whatever He promised in His Word, if you will earnestly ask Him to do it, and believe in your heart that He has heard and answered your prayer, He will confirm His promise by His power, and you will receive the answer to your prayer. *That is the purpose of my writing this book for you.* It is so wonderful to know that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

A blind man came to one of our meetings. When he walked on the great crusade grounds where we were proclaiming the Gospel, he suddenly had a vision. He saw a bright light, brighter than the noonday sun, and in that light the Lord Jesus appeared to him.

The blind man fell to the ground and the people thought that he had died.

But after a while, he opened his eyes. He was weeping as he told them how the Lord had appeared to him. His blindness' was gone — he had received his sight.

The same Jesus who appeared to that man is there with you, at this moment, to confirm His promises to you, if you will "only believe."

We were preaching the Gospel in India. A man full of unbelief came to the meeting. He listened to the Gospel but he did not believe it.

Then, after giving the message, we prayed for the great multitude of people. Suddenly this man saw Jesus Christ standing before him. The Lord stretched out His hands toward him, and said, "Behold my hands; I am Jesus!" Luke 24:39; John 20:27.

This unbelieving man saw the nail-pierced hands of the Lord Jesus and fell down before Him, crying out for mercy. John 20:27-28; Acts 9:4-6; Acts 26:13-16. He was gloriously saved as he received Jesus Christ into his heart as his personal Savior.

We have witnessed miracles like this around the world, and the Lord is ready to do the miracle YOU NEED, right there where you are, if you will "only believe."

Whatever you need from the Lord, if you will ask Him to do it, and believe that He hears and answers your prayer, He will do it for you. Mark 11:24; John 14:12-14.

Jesus Christ is alive! He has never changed! He is there right now, with you, to confirm His Word and to bless you. You may not see Him, but He is there just the same. Can you believe? He said, "If thou canst only believe, all things are possible." Mark 9:23.

I ask you right now to draw near to the Lord in your heart, as you hold this book in your hand. Let us call upon His Name in prayer and welcome His presence, so that as you continue to read this book, He will be there to REVEAL HIS TRUTH TO YOU and to manifest His power by a MIRACLE in YOUR life. That is what HE WANTS TO DO FOR YOU.

Jesus said, "If you shall ask *anything* in my name, I will do it." John 14:14. What do *you* want Jesus Christ to do for you right now?

If you will reverence His Name and if you will believe on Him with all your heart, I will pray for you now. In your heart "*believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.*" Acts 16:31.

OH LORD GOD in Heaven:

I pray for the person who is reading this book and this prayer right now. I ask that Jesus Christ, Your Son, will come to this one who is joined with me in this prayer. Reveal Yourself right now, Lord Jesus.

Each time this person picks up this book to read, let Your holy presence be manifested in some marvelous way. As page after page is read, reveal Your Person and Your power through these pages. May each chapter be a new and fresh experience with You.

I pray that if this person has not been really born again and SAVED, the marvelous truth of SALVATION will be fully revealed through the important chapters which deal with this subject, and that every sin will be forgiven and washed away while this one is reading this book.

And Lord, if he or she is sick, or if this book is being read to someone who is sick or bedfast or paralyzed in some way, let the truths of Your healing become radiant and clear. Let Jesus Christ manifest Himself as the EVER PRESENT HEALER with whom NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. As these chapters of simple but dynamic truth unfold, let YOUR healing power be manifested.

Whatever sickness, disease, or infirmity is oppressing the person holding this book or listening to it right now, dear Lord, manifest Your healing power through the truths of these pages. As he or she comprehends these wonderful truths, let the miracle virtue of Jesus Christ penetrate his or her body, and even while reading or listening, cause every symptom of disease to disappear. I know You will do it because "You sent Your Word and healed the people." Psalm 107:20. You said, "We shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH SHALL MAKE (US) FREE." John 8:32. Thank You, Lord, for Your miracle-presence and power.

As this one reads through these chapters, let it be a continuous JOURNEY OF MIRACLES that confirms each truth presented. Let it

be known that You are “the same yesterday, today, and for ever.”

I ask this blessing upon the person reading or listening to this book right now, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Chapter 2: WHY MIRACLES?

WHEN JESUS BEGAN HIS public ministry, it was a ministry of miracles. Matthew 4:23-24.

His conception, His birth, His life, His wisdom and teachings, His ministry, His death, His resurrection, His appearances, and His ascension were all astounding and undeniable miracles.

When the Church began her ministry, it was a ministry of miracles. Acts 3:1-9; Acts 4:29-30, 33.

A stream of miracles flowed from the hands of the Apostles upsetting religious systems of that day to the extent that even the Christ-rejecting Roman government trembled.

Those first Christians had made a discovery: That the Christ whom God had raised from the dead had the same power, and worked the same miracles in response to their command, when given in His Name, as He had before He was condemned and killed; that He was alive again; that He lived in them; that He had not changed. Acts 3:14-16.

The sick were healed. Acts 5:12-16; Acts 8:5-8. The dead were raised. Acts 9:36-42; Acts 20:7-12.

Demons were cast out by His Name. Acts 16:16-18.

Those first years of Early Church history, recorded in *The Acts of the Apostles*, were example years for *The Acts of the Church* until the return of her Lord and Master. This was AUTHENTIC Christianity!

If we do not have the supernatural in Christianity, we have nothing but another religion, and true Christianity is not a religion. IT IS A LIFE!

Religion is a form, a ceremonial observance. But Christianity is a LIFE.

Christianity is the heart and nature of Jesus Christ being manifested in human beings.

Christianity is the miracle-life. It began in miracles. It is based on a succession of miracles. It is propagated by miracles. It is the only life which will satisfy the heart-hunger of humanity — worldwide.

The Bible is a miracle book — a record of divine happenings.

Beginning with Abraham, many of the major characters of Old Testament history were miracle workers — or rather, God wrought miracles in response to their daring and active faith.

The purpose of these miracles was to prove to the people the difference between the dead gods of the heathen and the true and living God who is the Creator of heaven and earth — and to convert UNbelievers to worship the living God.

When miracles ended, the people lapsed into the worship of dead gods, and only returned to the living God after another series of astounding miracles.

People want the living God. They crave a miracle. *Where ever there arises a man or woman whose prayers are heard and answered, greater crowds will flock to hear him or her than to hear the most famous philosopher or statesman in the world.*

This love of the miraculous is not a mark of ignorance, but rather reveals humanity's intense desire to know the unseen God.

In fact, God's purpose and plan for humanity, from the beginning, was for people to have supernatural ability and authority. Human beings were created with these aspirations.

Adam and Eve were created and placed in the Garden of Eden. Made in God's own image, they were destined to live and plan and work

with God, carrying out His Divine Plan on earth. Genesis 1:26-31.

Created in God's image, man and woman are God's kind of beings. They can never find full satisfaction without Him. Human beings instinctively seek God, whether or not they admit it or are even conscious of it. People yearn for meaning. Human life has Divine purpose and until one discovers that purpose, one lives in a vacuum. Being the offspring of the Miracle-God, people have an inborn hunger to experience miracles.

Education does not eliminate that desire for the miraculous.

Some argue that education now takes the place of miracles; that we no longer need the supernatural power of God.

Such arguments are simply the laughingstock of the Enemy.

One mighty miracle today, in the Name of Jesus Christ, is worth more than a lifetime of theological theory.

People want to see God in action.

Every real spiritual awakening that has honored Christ and His Word has been one during which miracles have been wrought.

It is impossible to properly honor God's Word and not witness miracles.

All normal human beings crave the supernatural. They long to see the manifestation of the power of God.

Even an atheistic professor, who denies any existence of God, will edge into the crowd to watch a miracle.

Cultured men and women will listen to an un- educated preacher if he has faith in the living God - if he prays and gets an answer.

A dead orthodoxy has no resurrection power in it — no miracle-working force back of it.

When they tell us that we do not need miracles today — that education has taken their place, they are fooled and deluded by the Adversary. They reveal their ignorance of the nature and heart-hunger of mankind.

This yearning for the miraculous is deep-seated in each human being regardless of nationality or background, because he is the offspring of the Miracle-God.

Man and woman need the miracle touch of Jesus Christ now as much as ever.

Christ is as much a Miracle-Worker today as He ever was. The Bible says that He "is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

Christ must be allowed to live in us in His power and His life. That alone is true Christianity. All else is an ecclesiastical routine, offering little more than rituals and symbolic ceremonies,

Our slogan must be: "The living, miracle-working Christ!"

Jesus attracted the multitudes by miracles, John 6:2; Matthew 4:23-25; Matthew 12:15; Matthew 14:35-36; Luke 5:15, and where ever miracles are wrought in His Name today, He does the same.

When anyone exercises Bible faith, he gets Bible results.

Why the lack of miracles in so many circles today? The Bible says: "Faith *cometh* by hearing . . . the word of *God*." Romans 10:17.

But oftentimes, "Faith *leaveth* by hearing the word of *theologians*," and Unbelief *cometh* by hearing them "make the word of God of none effect through their tradition." Mark 7:13.

One may call for a week of fasting, but this will not bring the miraculous into evidence if he does not teach the promises of God *in their absolute simplicity*.

He may consecrate entire nights to prayer, but it will be of no avail if his teaching does not encourage *simple faith in Christ*.

A real spiritual awakening must begin in the teacher, the pastor, the priest, the missionary. The message must be right, or all else is vain.

Both laymen and the clergy must be willing to adjust their thinking, their teaching and their actions, otherwise, a spiritual awakening will not take place.

"Faith cometh by hearing . . . THE WORD OF GOD" — not by teaching the traditions of men.

Jesus said, "Ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." Matthew 15:6 "Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." Mark 7:9.

We cannot rely on the complexities of modern theology and get Bible results. We cannot use the methods of an obsolete ecclesiasticism and win UN-believers to Christ. If we want to reap the fruit of faith, we must sow the seed of faith, which is the Word of God. Luke 8:11.

The sick will be healed, sinners will be converted and UNbelievers will turn to Christ in any locality, when the simple Gospel is proclaimed and when actions correspond with the teaching, causing Christ in His power to confirm His Word. Mark 16:15, 20.

You cannot shut out the miraculous, when the Truth is proclaimed.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

Jesus says, "I *am* . . . the TRUTH." John 14:6. God "sent his word and (it) healed them." Psalm 107:20. Robert Young's Translation: "He sendeth his word and healeth them" — present tense. God is doing that ALL THE TIME.

God's promises are "LIFE unto those that find them, and HEALTH to all their flesh." Proverbs 4:22.

Among the tens of thousands who have been miraculously healed by Christ during our own Crusades in over 60 nations during more than 30 years, almost none of them have been individually prayed for. They have been healed through their own faith, which was born in their own hearts, while meditating on the Bible truths we present from our crusade-platform or from the printed page of our books on Bible faith.

I have discovered that almost any church member in any nation has been convinced that sickness may be God's blessing in disguise; that it may teach them humility and patience; that it may have Divine purpose, and that therefore it should not be resisted but graciously accepted and humbly borne with patience for God's glory, etcetera.

But I have discovered that very few people can quote a single Scripture in the Bible that promises physical healing.

If these promises are not taught, the people cannot know them. Romans 10:14.

If the people do not know these truths, there can be no faith for miracles. John 8:32.

If there is no faith for miracles, they cannot be wrought. Matthew 13:58.

If miracles are not wrought, there is little to draw the UNbeliever to hear the Gospel, and less to persuade him or her to believe it.

But the solution is positive and wonderfully accessible. Jesus, by His example, proclaimed and performed miracles. His disciples followed this pattern to establish a vital, living Early Church.

Today, the need for miracles as evidence of Christ's living presence, is at least as great as it was then. Knowing in advance that we would face obstacles, apostasy and unbelief, Jesus promised, "He

that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” John 14:12.

The key to miracles is simple faith that CHRIST MEANT WHAT HE SAID. It is to believe, like a child, that *God IS what He says He is. You ARE what He (His Word) says you are. God will DO what He says He will do. You can DO what He says you can do. God HAS what He says He has. And you HAVE what He says you have.*

Reread the words of Jesus and of the New Testament and apply these facts. Discover who you *are* and what you *have*. See what God will do IN YOUR LIFE.

Whenever and where ever people accept the promises of God and the teachings of Christ on the basis of these above facts, great spiritual awakenings accompanied by "signs and wonders and miracles" Hebrews 2:3-4; Mark 16:20 inevitably take place sooner or later.

Miracles in this century are as valuable and indispensable to authentic Christianity as they ever were in any century.

"I am the LORD, I change NOT." Romans 15:19; Malachi 3:6.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but MY WORDS shall NEVER pass away." Matthew 24:35.

We have put God's promises to the test in nation after nation. He has proven to be "The LORD who NEVER CHANGES!"

The world was shocked by the immense crowds and the incredible miracles which took place in our Holland Crusade.

Over 100,000 people gathered, day after day, on the great Malieveld in The Hague, to listen to the simple Gospel as we presented it to that field of people.

Our theme was basic: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

That verse from the Bible has been the theme of every Crusade we have conducted throughout the past 30 years, in over 60 nations.

I believe that people need to know that Jesus is as real today as He was before He was crucified.

He promised: "Lo, I am with you alway." Matthew 28:20.

He is here to do the same miracles today — for YOU, that He did in Bible days. His promises have never changed. His power and ministry are unchanged. He is as merciful and compassionate as He ever was. He loves you, right there where you are reading this, and I believe a new miracle is beginning in YOU right now.

My wife and I are very fortunate people.

We accepted Jesus as our Savior when we were young.

We dedicated our lives to share the Word of God with others, and we have witnessed powerful miracles all over the world, through simple faith in God's promises. I had a vision of Jesus. He appeared in my room. I saw with my own eyes that Jesus, God's Son, is alive. From that day, we dedicated ourselves to obey Him and to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. I knew that He had promised:

"These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils ... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," Mark 16:17-18, and "lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

So ... in every nation where we have journeyed, great crowds have assembled. Thousands have repented of their sins and have found new faith to follow the Lord. And, all kinds of miracles have been wrought by God as we have prayed in Jesus' Name.

The Bible says the disciples "went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:20. This has been our testimony for 30 years. God is not a myth. He is real. The Bible is not a collection of fables. It is God's Word. Every word is true and can be trusted.

God *wants* us to put His Word to the test for miracles *today*, because this generation needs MIRACLE-PROOF that Jesus Christ is as real as He was in any other generation. So act on His Word of promise and claim His miracles for you and your house —*today*. His Word cannot fail!

PART 1: THE HEALER

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IN BIBLE DAYS, the sick were healed, the blind received their sight, the deaf were made to hear, cripples walked, lepers were cleansed, and all manner of sick and suffering people were made whole by God's power. These miracles are as much for today as they ever were.

There are five basic reasons why we can know this:

1. *GOD is a Healer*, Exodus 15:26, and He has never changed. "I am the LORD, I change not." Malachi 3:6.

2. *JESUS CHRIST healed the sick*, Matthew 9:35; Mark 6:55-56; Acts 10:38, and He has never changed. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

3. *Jesus commanded His DISCIPLES to heal the sick*, Matthew 10:1-8; Luke 10:1,8,9 and a true disciple of Christ is the same today as then. "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." John 8:31.

4. *Miracles of healing were everywhere manifested in the ministry of the EARLY CHURCH*, Acts 3:6-7; Acts 4:29-30; Acts 5:12; Acts 6:8; Acts 8:5-7; Acts 14:3,9-10; Acts 19:11-12; Hebrews 2:3-4, and the true Church has never changed. The Acts of the Apostles is the example and pattern for the true Church "unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

5. *Jesus commissioned ALL BELIEVERS, among all nations, to the end of the world, to lay their hands on the sick, promising that "they shall recover," Mark 16:15-1, and certainly true believers have never changed. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." John 14:12.*

Miracle healing was administered first through the spoken Word of *Jehovah-God*; then, through the ministry of *the Lord Jesus Christ*; next, through *His disciples* who acted on His Word and followed His example; later, by the power of the resurrected Christ and of the Holy Spirit being manifested through *the Early Church*; and last, by that same risen Christ and the power of the same Holy Spirit functioning through *the lives of all believers* in all the world.

Therefore, the age of miracles has not passed and physical healing is as much a part of Christ's ministry today as it ever was. And what He has done for so many tens of thousands of others, IT IS HIS WILL TO DO FOR YOU!

Chapter 4: 100 FACTS ABOUT HEALING

MANY BELIEVE God sometimes heals the sick, but they have no personal knowledge of Jesus as the INDWELLING, EVER-PRESENT HEALER. They know nothing about the many facts which prove that *physical health is part of everyone's salvation*.

They see others healed, but they question whether healing is God's Will for them. They are waiting for a *special revelation of the Will of God* concerning their case, and in the meantime they are doing all within the power of human skill to get well, with the use of natural means, *whether they think it is God's Will for them to be healed or not*.

If it is not God's Will for them to be well, it would be wrong for them to seek recovery even through medical science.

If healing *is* God's Will, then all healing is from God whether one recovers health through the aid of medical science, or by prayer and faith in God's promises.

The Bible reveals the Will of God in regard to the healing of the body as clearly as it reveals the Will of God in regard to the saving of the soul. God need not give a special revelation of His Will when He has plainly given His revealed Will in His Word (i.e., when He has definitely promised to do a thing). His *promises to heal* are as much a revelation of *His WILL TO HEAL* as *His promises to save* reveal *His WILL TO SAVE*.

A careful study of the Scriptures will clearly show that God is both the Savior and the Healer of His people; that it is always His Will to save and to heal all those who are willing to serve Him. In evidence of this, we call your attention to the following 100 facts:

1. Sickness is no more natural than sin. God made all things "very good." Genesis 1:31. Therefore, we should not conclude that the only

remedy for sin or sickness is in the natural, but that God who created us happy, strong, healthy and in fellowship with Himself, is the Healer of our physical diseases as much as He is the Savior for our spiritual sins.

2. Both sin and sickness came into the world through the Fall. Therefore, we must look for the healing of both in the Savior.

3. When God called His children out of Egypt, He made a Covenant of Healing with them. Exodus 15:26; Exodus 23:25. All through their history, we find them in sickness and in pestilence turning to God in repentance and confession and always, when their sins were forgiven, their sicknesses were healed.

4. God healed those who were bitten by fiery serpents, through a look at a brazen serpent on a pole, which was a type of Calvary. Numbers 21:8; John 3:14-15. If "EVERYONE" who looked at the brazen serpent was healed *then*, it is logical that "EVERYONE" who looks to *Jesus* can be healed *today*.

5. Jesus said: "AS Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, EVEN SO (for the same purpose) must the Son of man be lifted up." John 3:14; Numbers 21:4-9.

6. The people had *sinned* against God then; people have *sinned* against God today.

7. The poison serpent-bite resulted in *death* then; "the wages of sin is *death*" today. Romans 6:23.

8. The people cried to God then, and He heard their cry and provided a remedy — *the serpent lifted up*; those who cry to God today discover that God has heard their cry and has provided them a remedy — *Christ lifted up*.

9. The remedy was for "*everyone* that is bitten" then; the remedy is for "*whosoever believeth*" today.

10. In their remedy they received both *forgiveness* for their sins and *healing* for their bodies; in Christ, we receive both *forgiveness* for our sins and *healing* for our sick bodies today.

11. There were no exceptions then — their remedy was for "*everyone* that is bitten;" there are no exceptions today — our remedy is for "*whosoever believeth*."

12. Everyone was commanded to do his own *looking* at the remedy then; everyone is commanded to do his own *believing* on Christ today.

13. They did not need to beg, nor make an offering to God then. There was only one condition — "*When he looketh*." We do not need to beg nor make an offering to Christ today. There is only one condition — "*Whosoever believeth*."

14. They were not told to look to Moses, but rather to the *remedy* then; we are not told to look to the preacher or priest, but to *Christ* today.

15. They were not to look to the *symptoms of their snake-bites* then, but rather, to their *remedy*, we are not to look to the *symptoms of our sins and diseases today*, but to our *remedy* — Christ.

16. "EVERYONE that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live," was the promise to *ALL* then, without exception; "WHOSOEVER believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16, is the promise to *ALL* today, without exception.

17. Since *their* curse was removed by the lifting up of the "type" of Calvary, *our* curse was certainly removed by Calvary itself. Galatians 3:13.

18. The "*type*" of Calvary could not mean more to those Israelites then, than *Calvary* means to us today. Surely they could not receive blessings through only a "*type*" of Calvary which we cannot receive through *Calvary itself*.

19. God promises protection for our *bodies* as well as our *souls*, if we abide in Him. Psalm 91. In the New Testament, John wishes "above all things that thou mayest prosper and *be in health*, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. Both Scriptures show that God's Will is that we be as healthy in our bodies as we are in our souls. It is never God's Will for our *souls* to be sick; it is never God's Will for our *bodies* to be sick.

20. Asa died in his sickness, because he sought "*NOT to the Lord*, but to the physicians," 2 Chronicles 16:12, while Hezekiah lived, because he sought *NOT to the physicians*, but to the Lord. Isaiah 38:1-5. The lesson is not that physicians are wrong, but that our health-SOURCE must be recognized in the Lord God.

21. The removal of our diseases is included in Christ's atonement, along with the removal of our sins. Isaiah 53:4-5. The word "bare" implies *substitution* — suffering FOR, not *sympathy* — suffering WITH. If Christ has borne OUR sicknesses, why should we bear them?

22. Christ fulfilled Isaiah's words, "*healing ALL THAT WERE SICK.*" Matthew 8:16-17.

23. Sickness is revealed as coming directly from Satan: "Satan went forth ... and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." Job 2:7. Job maintained steadfast faith as he cried out to God for deliverance, and he was healed. Job 42:10, 12.

24. Christ declared that the infirm woman was bound by *Satan* and ought to be loosed. He cast out the "spirit of the infirmity" and she was healed. Luke 13:11-13, 16.

25. A devil which possessed a man was the cause of him being both blind and dumb. When the devil was cast out, he could both see and talk. Matthew 12:22.

26. A demon was the cause of a boy being deaf and dumb and also the cause of his convulsions. When the demon was cast out, the boy

was healed. Mark 9:17-26.

27. The Bible says "Jesus of Nazareth ... went about ... healing ALL that were *oppressed of the devil*." Acts 10:38. This Scripture shows that sickness is Satan's oppression.

28. We are told that "the Son of God was manifested, that he might *destroy the works of the devil*." 1 John 3:8. Sickness is part of Satan's works. Christ, in His earthly ministry, always treated sin, diseases and devils the same; they were all hateful in His sight; He *rebuked them all*; He was manifested to *destroy them, all*.

29. He does not want the *works of the devil* which He came, and was manifested to destroy, to continue in our physical bodies today. He does not want a cancer, a plague, a curse, "the works of the devil," to exist in His own members. "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 6:15.

30. Jesus said, "The Son of man is not come to *destroy* men's lives, but to *save* them." Luke 9:56. Sickness destroys, therefore it is not from God. Christ came to "save" us. In Greek, *Sozo* means to deliver us, to save and preserve us, to heal us, to give us life, to make us whole; but never to "*destroy*" us.

31. Jesus said, "The thief (speaking of Satan) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

32. Satan is a killer; his diseases are the destroyers of life; his sicknesses are the thieves of happiness, health, money, time and effort. Christ came to give us abundant life in our *souls*, and in our *bodies*.

33. We are promised the "life of Jesus" in "*our mortal flesh*." 2 Corinthians 4:10-11.

34. We are taught that the Spirit's work is to quicken our *mortal* bodies in this life. Romans 8:11.

35. Satan's work is to *kill*; Christ's work is to *give life*.

36. Satan is bad. God is good. Bad things come from Satan. Good things come from God.

37. Sickness is, therefore, from Satan. Health is, therefore, from God. Matthew 10:1; Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:19;

38. All authority and power over all devils and disease has been given to *every disciple* of Christ. Since Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed," John 8:31, therefore, these Scriptures apply to *you* today, that is, *if you continue in (act on) His Word*.

39. The right to pray and receive the answer is given to every believer; "If ye shall ask *anything* in my name, I will do it." John 14:13-14. This logically includes asking for healing, if one is sick.

40. "EVERY ONE *that asketh receiveth*," Matthew 7:8. That promise is for YOU. It includes EVERYONE who is sick.

41. The ministry of healing was given to the seventy, who represented the future workers of the Church. Luke 10:1,9,19.

42. It was given to all "*them that believe*" the Gospel; i.e., "*them that act*" on the Gospel, or the "*practicers*" or "*doers*" of the Word, Mark 16:17; Luke 6:47-48; Romans 2:13; James 1:22, 25.

43. It is committed to the *elders of the Church*. James 5:14.

44. It is bestowed upon the *whole Church* as one of its ministries and gifts, until Jesus comes. 1 Corinthians 12:9-10.

45. Jesus never commissioned anyone to preach the Gospel without commanding him to *heal the sick*. He said: "Into *whatsoever* city ye enter ... *heal the sick that are therein*" Luke 10:8-9. That command still applies to the true ministry today.

46. Jesus said that He would continue *His same works* through *believers* while He is with the Father; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, *he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also*; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12. This certainly includes *healing the sick*.

47. In connection with the Lord's Supper, the cup is taken "in remembrance" of His blood which was shed for the remission of our *sins*. 1 Corinthians 11:25. The bread is eaten "in remembrance" of His *body* on which were laid our diseases and the stripes by which "we are healed." 1 Corinthians 11:23-24; Isaiah. 53:5.

48. Jesus said that certain teachers make "the word of God of *none effect* through (their) tradition." Mark 7:13. Man's ideas and theories have for centuries hindered the healing part of the Gospel from being proclaimed and acted upon as it was by the Early Church.

49. ONE TRADITION is that *God wills some of His children to suffer sickness* and that, therefore, many who are prayed for are not healed because it is not His Will to heal them. When Jesus healed the demon- possessed boy in Mark, chapter 9, whom the disciples "could not" heal, Mark 9:18. He proved that it is God's Will to heal *even those who fail to receive healing*. Furthermore, He assigned the failure of the disciples to cure the boy, not to God's Will, but to the disciples' "unbelief." Matthew 17:19-20.

50. The failure of many to be healed when prayed for today is not because it is not God's Will to heal them.

51. If sickness is the Will of God, then every physician would be a lawbreaker, every trained nurse a defier of the Almighty and every hospital a house of rebellion instead of a house of mercy.

52. Since Christ came to do the Father's Will, John 6:38; Hebrews 10:7,9, the fact that He "HEALED THEM ALL" is proof that it is God's Will that ALL be healed.

53. If it is not God's Will for ALL to be healed, how did "EVERYONE" in the "multitudes" obtain from Christ what it was not God's Will for some of them to receive? The Gospel says, "He healed them ALL."

54. If it is not God's Will for ALL to be healed, why do the Scriptures state: "with his stripes WE *are* healed" Isaiah 53:5, and "by whose stripes ye *were* healed"? 1 Peter 2:24. How could "we" and "ye" be declared healed, if it is God's Will for some of us to be sick?

55. Christ never refused those who sought His healing. Repeatedly the Gospels tell us that "He healed them ALL." Matthew 8:16; Matthew 9:35; Matthew 12:15; Mark 6:55-56; Luke 4:40; Acts 10:38. Christ the Healer has never changed. Hebrews 13:8.

56. Only one person in the entire Bible ever asked for healing saying, "*If it be thy will.*" *That was the poor leper to whom Jesus immediately responded, "I WILL; be thou clean."* Mark 1:40-4.

57. ANOTHER TRADITION is that *we can glorify God more by being patient in our sickness than by being healed.* If sickness glorifies God more than healing, then any attempt to get well by natural or divine means *would be an effort to rob God of the glory that we should want Him to receive.*

58. If sickness glorifies God, then we should rather be sick than well.

59. If sickness glorifies God, Jesus robbed His Father of all the glory that He could by healing EVERYONE, Luke 4:40, and the Holy Spirit continued doing the same throughout The Acts of the Apostles. Acts 5:12-16.

60. Paul says, "Ye are bought with a price; therefore, *glorify God* in your *body*, and in your *spirit*, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:20.

61. Both our body and our spirit are bought with a price. We are to glorify God in both.

62. We do not glorify God in our "spirit" by remaining in *sin*; neither do we glorify God in our "body" by remaining *sick*.

63. The sickness and death of Lazarus are used to prove that sickness glorifies God. But God was not glorified in this case until Lazarus was raised up from the dead, the result of which was that "*many of the Jews ... believed on him.*" John 11:4, 45.

64. ANOTHER TRADITION is that *while God heals some, it is not His Will to heal ALL*. But Jesus, who came to do the Father's Will, did "*heal them all,*" John 6:38; Matthew 8:16; Matthew 12:15; Luke 4:40; Luke 6:19.

65. If healing is not for all, why did Jesus bear "our" sicknesses, "our" pains, and "our" diseases? Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 8:17. If God wanted some of His children to suffer, then Jesus relieved us from bearing something which God wanted us to bear. But since Jesus came to do the "Will of the Father," and since He "hath borne OUR diseases," it must be God's Will for ALL to be well.

66. If it is not God's Will for ALL to be healed, then God's promises to heal are not for *all*; that would mean that "Faith (does NOT come) by hearing ... the word of God (alone)," but by getting a special revelation that God has favored you and wills to heal you.

67. If God's promises to heal are not for ALL, that means that we cannot know what God's Will is by reading His Word alone; that we must pray until He speaks directly to us about each case in particular. That means that we must close our Bibles and pray for a direct revelation from God to know if it is His Will to heal each case. That would virtually mean that we could not consider God's Word as directed to us personally — which would be absurd! God's Word is for ALL!

68. God's Word is His Will! God's promises REVEAL HIS WILL! When we read of what *He promises to do*, we then know what it is *His Will to do*.

69. Since it is written: "Faith cometh by hearing ... the word of God," Romans 10:17, then the best way to build faith in one's heart that God is willing to heal him is to let him hear that part of God's Word which promises him healing.

70. Faith for *spiritual* healing "cometh by hearing" the Gospel — He "*bare our sins*." 1 Peter 2:24. Faith for *physical* healing "cometh by hearing" the Gospel — He "*bare our sicknesses*" Matthew 8:17.

71. Therefore, we are to "preach the Gospel (*that he bare our sins*) to every creature." Mark 16:15. We are to "preach the Gospel (*that he bare our sicknesses*) to every creature." Mark 16:15.

72. Christ emphasized His promise, "If ye shall ask *anything* in my name, I will do it," by repeating it twice. John 14:13-14. He did not *exclude* healing from this promise. "Anything" includes healing. This promise is for ALL.

73. If healing is not for ALL, Christ should have qualified His promise accordingly, and said, "*What things soever ye desire (EXCEPT HEALING)*, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. But He did not. Healing, therefore, is included in the "what things soever." This promise is made to YOU.

74. If it is not God's Will to heal ALL, Christ's promise would not be dependable when He said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask *what ye will, and it shall be done unto you*." John 15:7.

75. The Bible says: "Is ANY sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." James 5:14-15. This promise is for *all*, including YOU, if you are sick.

76. If God today has abandoned healing in answer to prayer in favor of healing only by medical science, as some theologians claim, that

would mean that He requires us to use a less successful method during a "better" dispensation. Hebrews says that we now have a "BETTER hope," Hebrews 7:19, a "BETTER testament," Hebrews 7:22, a "BETTER covenant, which is established upon BETTER promises." Hebrews 8:6. "He healed them ALL" then, but today many diseases are incurable by medical science.

77. Paul tells us that God would have us "perfect unto *every* good work," 2 Timothy 3:17, "perfect in *every* good work," Hebrews 13:21, and "abounding unto *every* good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8. A sick man cannot measure up to these Scriptures. These conditions would be impossible if healing is not for ALL. Either healing is not for ALL, or these Scriptures do not apply to ALL.

78. Bodily healing in the New Testament was called a "mercy," and it was His *mercy* which always moved Him to heal ALL the sick. His promise is, "He is plenteous in mercy unto ALL them that call upon him." Psalm 86:5. *That includes YOU, today.*

79. The literal translation of Isaiah, chapter 53, verse 4, is: "Surely (or certainly) he hath *borne* our sicknesses, and *carried* our pains." To prove that our *sicknesses* were carried away, the same Hebrew verb for "borne" and "carried" is used to describe both. (See verses 11-12.)

80. Christ was "*made sin for us*" 2 Corinthians 5:21, when "He bare our sins." 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 3:13. He was "*made a curse for us*"⁶⁹ when "He bare our diseases." Matthew 8:17.

81. Since Christ "bare OUR SINS," how many is it God's Will to forgive? Answer: "Whosoever believeth." Since Christ "bare OUR sicknesses," how many is it God's Will to heal? Answer: "He healed them all."

82. ANOTHER TRADITION is that *if we are righteous, we should expect sicknesses as a part of our life.* They quote the Scripture: "Many are the *afflictions* of the righteous." Psalm 34:19. But this does not mean "sicknesses" as some would have us believe. It

means trials, hardships, persecutions, temptations, etcetera, but never sicknesses or physical disabilities.

83. It would be a contradiction to say that Christ has borne OUR sicknesses, and with His stripes WE are healed, and then to add, "many are the *sicknesses* of the righteous," which He requires us to bear.

84. To prove this tradition, they sometimes quote: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, *after that ye have SUFFERED a while*, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." 1 Peter 5:10. This "suffering" does not refer to suffering *sickness*, but to the many ways in which God's people have so often had to suffer for their testimony. Acts 5:41; Acts 7:57-60; Acts 8:1; 2 Corinthians 11:23-27.

85. ANOTHER TRADITION is that *we are not to expect healing for certain "afflictions."* They quote the Scripture: "Is any among you *afflicted*? Let *him* pray." James 5:13.

This again does not refer to sickness, but to the same thing pointed out in No. 82 and No. 84 above.

86. ANOTHER TRADITION is that *God chastises His children with sickness.* They quote the Scripture in Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 6 to 8, a part of which says, "Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth." This is true; God does chasten whom He loveth, but it does not say that He *makes them sick*. The word "chasten" here means to "instruct, train, discipline, teach or educate;" as a teacher "instructs" his pupil, or a father "trains and teaches" his child.

87. When a teacher "instructs" his student, he may employ various means of discipline, but never sickness. When a father "trains" his child, he chastens by different means, but never by imposing a physical disease upon him. And for our Heavenly Father to "chasten" us, does not require that He lay a disease upon us. *Our diseases were laid upon Christ. God would not require that we bear as punishment what Jesus has substitutionally borne FOR US.*

Christ's sacrifice freed us forever from the curse of sin and disease, which He bore for us.

88. THE MOST COMMON TRADITION is that "*the age of miracles is past.*" For this to be true, there would have to be a total absence of miracles. Even one miracle would prove that "*the age of miracles is not past!*"

89. If the age of miracles is past, no one could be *born again*, because the NEW BIRTH is the greatest miracle in the world. (Get my book, *How to Be Born Again.*)

90. If the age of miracles is past, as some claim, that would mean that all the technical evidence examined in hundreds of laboratories of the world, concerning innumerable cases of miraculous healings, is false, and that God's promises to do such things are not for today.

91. Anyone who claims that the age of miracles is past denies the need, the privileges and the benefits of prayer. For God to hear and answer prayer, whether the petition is for a postage stamp or for the healing of a cripple, IS A MIRACLE. *If prayer brings an answer, that answer is a miracle.*

If there are no miracles, then there is no reason for faith. If there are no miracles, then prayer is a mockery and only ignorance would cause a man to either pray or expect an answer. God cannot answer prayer without a miracle.

If we pray at all, we should expect our prayer to be answered. If that prayer is answered, God has done it, and if God has answered prayer, He has performed something supernatural. That is a miracle. *To deny miracles today is to deprecate prayer today.*

92. The age of miracles is *not* past, because the Miracle Worker has never changed. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

93. When Jesus sent His disciples to preach the Gospel, He told them, "*These (supernatural) signs shall follow them that believe.*" This was for "every creature," for "all nations," until "the end of the world." Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20. The end of the world has not come yet, so the age of miracles has not passed- Christ's Commission has never been withdrawn or annulled.

94. Christ's promise for the *soul*, "*shall be saved*," is in the Great Commission, and is for ALL. His promise for the *body*, "*shall recover*" is in the Great Commission, and is for ALL. To deny that one part of the Great Commission is for today is to deny that the other part is for today.

As long as the Great Commission is in effect, sinners can be healed spiritually, and sick people can be healed physically, by believing the Gospel. Multiplied thousands of sincere people all over the world are receiving both physical and spiritual healing through their simple faith in God's promises.

95. Christ bore YOUR sins so that YOU may be forgiven; Eternal Life is YOURS. Claim this blessing, and confess it by faith, and God will make it good in your life.

96. Christ bore YOUR diseases so that YOU may be healed. Divine Health is YOURS. Claim this blessing, and confess it by faith, and God will manifest it in your body.

97. Like all of Christ's redemptive gifts, Divine healing is to be received by simple faith alone, and upon being received, must be consecrated for Christ's service and glory alone.

98. God is as willing to *heal* His *worshipers*, as He is to *forgive* His *enemies*. That is to say, if when you were a sinner, God was willing to forgive you, now that you are His child, He is willing to heal you. If He was merciful enough to forgive you when you were His enemy, He is merciful enough to heal you, now that you are His worshiper. Romans 8:32.

99. The sinner must accept God's promise as true and believe that he is forgiven before he can experience the joy of spiritual healing. The sick must accept God's promise as true and believe he is healed before he can experience the joy of physical healing.

100. "As *many* (sinners) as received him ... were born ... of God." John 1:12-13. "As *many* (sick) as touched him were made whole." Mark 6:56.

When we say that it is always God's Will to heal, the question is immediately raised: "How, then, could one ever die?"

God's Word says: "Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust." Psalm 104:29. "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of com cometh in his season." Job 5:26.

For us to come to our full age (which must be about seventy or eighty years), Psalm 90:10, and for God to take away our breath, does not require the aid of a cancer or any other disease. God's Will for the death of His child (or what man calls death), is that, after he has lived a fruitful life, fulfilling the number of his days, he simply stop breathing, and fall asleep in Christ, only to awake again in heaven and live with Him forever. "So shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:17. Indeed, this is the blessed hope of the righteous. 1 Thessalonians 4:13; Titus 2:13; 1 Peter 1:3.

"Because he hath set his love upon me, (God says), therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. *With long life will I satisfy him*, and shew him *my salvation*:" Psalm 91:14-16.

PART 2: THE WORD

THE SECOND STEP TO RECEIVE MIRACLE HEALING IS TO KNOW GOD'S PROMISES TO HEAL, IN THE SCRIPTURES, AND TO BE CONVINCED THAT THEY ARE FOR YOU PERSONALLY.

Chapter 5: HOW GOD SPEAKS To YOU

THE SECOND STEP TO RECEIVE *MIRACLE HEALING* IS TO KNOW GOD'S PROMISES TO HEAL, IN THE SCRIPTURES, AND TO BE CONVINCED THAT THEY ARE FOR *YOU* PERSONALLY.

MANY TIMES religious teachers do us more harm than good, because they make a philosophy or a doctrine of the Truth, when it is meant to be as though the Lord were here speaking to us. The Word is His voice. It has His same authority.

When you read the Bible, you should remember that you are having a personal conversation with the Lord.

The absolute integrity of God's written Word is the only basis for sound faith.

One of the greatest errors committed by people today is treating the Word of God as though it were a common book. You should give the Word the same place you would give Christ if He were physically in your presence. His Word talks to you, and tells you the same things He would tell you if He spoke to you audibly.

You cannot separate God from His Word. He is not only in it — a part of it, but He is back of it, and He continually watches over it to confirm it, to see that not one Word fails. Jeremiah 1:12; 1 Kings 8:56; Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 24:35. The angel said: "No word from God is void of power." Luke 1:37 R.V. Another translation says, "No promise from God will be impossible of fulfillment."

An old man lay dying in his shack in the jungle. A Christian woman read to him: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The old man opened his eyes and looked at the lady asking, "Is that in the Bible?"

"Yes," she said.

"Does it mean me?"

"Certainly," she assured him, "it means you." He lay there for a while thinking. Then he asked, "Has God said anything else to me in that book?" Then she read: "As many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." John 1:12. Then she added softly, "He is speaking to you."

The old man opened his eyes and whispered again, "I accept Him. I am satisfied." Then he died.

He treated God's written Word the same as though Jesus Christ had visited his little shack in Person and brought him the message of Eternal Life; and he was wonderfully saved, and slipped out of this life in perfect peace.

The promises you read in the Bible are God speaking to you personally. They are just as much yours as a check which is made out to your name. You can cash that check at the bank because it is yours, and you can claim those promises in prayer because they are just as much yours.

After knowing that healing is a part of Christ's ministry today, you must know that His promises to heal, in the Scriptures, are made personally for you.

A man who had been deaf in one ear for twenty years, came to me for prayer. I asked him if he believed God would heal his ear. He replied that he did not know.

"Do you know that God has promised to heal you?" I asked him.

"No," he replied, "I don't know."

"Do you believe God is good enough to fulfill a promise He has made?"

"Yes sir, I do!" he answered.

"If I can show you in the Bible where God has promised to heal you personally, do you believe that. He will do it?" I asked.

"Yes, I do!" he declared.

I pointed my finger straight at him and quoted these promises:

"I am the LORD that healeth THEE." Exodus 15:26. Who does THEE mean?

"By whose stripes YE were healed." 1 Peter 2:24. Who does YE mean?

"Who healeth all THY diseases." Psalm 103:3. Who does THY mean?

The man began to weep as he cried out, "Now I believe! I see that God has promised to heal me. I believe that He will do it!"

Faith came to that man by hearing God's promises. Paul said, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.

I touched his ear in Jesus' Name, asking God to open it according to His promise, and it was immediately healed.

God's promises are just as much for you as they were for that man.

"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:14.

"ANY THING" includes healing and "YE" includes you.

If "any sick ... the Lord shall raise him up." James 5:14-15. "ANY" includes you. The promise, "the Lord shall raise him up," is made without exception.

"These signs shall follow them that believe they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18. This is for you, if

you "believe." "They shall! recover" is Christ's promise to everyone who is sick, without exception.

Do you believe God's promises are for YOU? If so, claim them in sincere prayer, and God will fulfill them. Do not doubt. Believe His Word. It is as' though He were speaking personally to YOU.

Chapter 6: WHY YOU CAN BE HEALED

GOD ANNOUNCES: "I am the LORD that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

He is a Healer. He wills to heal YOU.

You may find it difficult to reconcile this with the fact of so much sickness in this world, and with the fact that so many good and innocent people suffer. It may also be awkward to reconcile this truth with traditional religious teaching about sickness.

But if you comprehend God's PACT OF PLENTY for you, you will discover that His Will is for you to ENJOY PLENTY OF PHYSICAL HEALTH as well as SPIRITUAL SALVATION and MATERIAL ABUNDANCE.

No Scripture could express God's Will more clearly than this one:

"I wish above all things that thou mayest *prosper* and *BE IN HEALTH*, even as thy *soul* prospereth." 3 John 2. The Bible teaches that when Jesus Christ died on the Cross and "bore" our sins and our iniquities, *He in the same way, "bore" all our physical infirmities and diseases and pains.*

The question is not: Did He *bear our* physical diseases?

The question is: *WHY* did He bear them?

The same verb (in both Hebrew and Greek) used to state that He "bore" our *spiritual iniquities* is used to state that He "bore" our *physical diseases*. Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24.

Then, WHY did He bear OUR physical diseases?

The answer constitutes what is the *essence of the Good News*.

He did it so that you do not have to do it.

He did it as your personal substitute!

This is what the story of Redemption is all about. This is WHY YOU
CAN BE HEALED.

Chapter 7: HEALING FOR EVERYONE

THE LIFE OF CHRIST includes PHYSICAL HEALTH for YOU!

It is God's Will for YOU to be physically healed as well as to be spiritually saved.

"Who *forgiveth* all THINE iniquities; who *healeth* all THY diseases." Psalm 103:3.

Healing and forgiveness are gifts of God which are to be received by FAITH.

Faith is expecting God to do what He promised to do. That is why "faith cometh by hearing... the word of God." Romans 10:17.

God has given to us His great and abundant promises, 2 Peter 1:4, in order to reveal to us His Will. *His Testament or His Will or His Promise or His Word are all the same.*

In order to receive any blessing from God, it must come to us by *faith*. To have faith for any blessing, we must be convinced that such a blessing is God's Will for us. As long as we have a question about whether or not God wills that we receive something, we cannot have faith.

We are commanded to ask for things, *believing* that we will receive them. "Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." James 1:6-7.

A sinner cannot be saved until he believes God loves him and that Christ died for his sins and is sure that it is, therefore, God's Will and desire to forgive him. He then accepts this gift of new life *by faith* and he is born again. He knows salvation is for "whosoever

will.” John 3:16; Romans 10:13; Revelation 22:17. It is for EVERY ONE. It is for YOU.

In the same way, a sick person must be convinced by the promises of God that it is His Will to heal him physically. Otherwise, he will not be able to ask *in faith*.

Religious tradition teaches that one should ask for healing by praying — “If it be God’s Will.” Consequently, very few people experience healing miracles.

But God has abundantly promised physical healing for His children. (Get my book: “*Healing the Sick*” which thoroughly discusses this subject.)

THE PURPOSE of this chapter is to show you that it is God’s Will to heal EVERYONE who will have faith in His promises — and that includes YOU!

Clearly, according to the Bible, God’s salvation includes physical health for God’s glory.

Notice what happened shortly after Christ was raised from the dead. It is an example of what God’s Will is wherever the Gospel is preached.

“And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people.

“And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women:

“Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

"There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: *and they were healed EVERY ONE.*" Acts 5:12-16.

These words, "THEY WERE HEALED EVERY ONE" reveal what God's Will is today for ALL who are sick.

This is a record of what was accomplished under Peter's ministry in Jerusalem *after* Jesus had returned to the Father. "They were healed everyone."

It was a testimony that Christ's ministry had not changed after His ascension.

"They were healed every one" was a fulfillment of God's Healing Covenant: "I am the LORD that healeth *thee.*" Exodus 15:26. "Thee" in that Covenant included "every one" in Jerusalem under Peter's ministry.

"They were healed every one" was experienced by the entire nation of Israel; "There was *not one* feeble person among their tribes," Psalm 105:37.

It was experienced by every one in the throngs which followed Jesus: "Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them *all.*" Matthew 12:15.

This is what happened to "every one" of the Israelites who were bitten by the fiery serpents: When they beheld the serpent of brass lifted up on a pole, (a type of Calvary) John 3:14-15. THEY LIVED. Numbers 21:8-9.

This is what happened when "He sent his word, and healed *them* ," Psalm 107:20. That is the purpose of His Word concerning healing being sent to *you* today; so that "every one" will be healed.

"They were healed every one" is the promise for *today*. It includes you. It will save you from a premature death: "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee ... the number of *thy* days I will fulfill."

Exodus 23:25-26. To make it possible for "every one" to be healed, "Christ hath redeemed *us* from the curse of the law." Galatians 3:13. This curse included "every sickness and every plague." Deuteronomy 28:61. "Us" includes "every one."

This blessing was provided for "every one" at Calvary when "certainly he suffered *our* pains and carried *our* diseases." Isaiah 53:4 L.T. "*Our*" includes "every one." This was made possible because "with his stripes *we* are healed." Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24. "*We*"

includes "every one." This was made possible when "Himself took *our* infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matthew 8:17. "*Our*" includes "every one."

When Christ "came down from heaven, not to do (his) own will, but the will of him that sent (him)," John 6:38. He repeatedly "healed them all." Matthew 12:15; Matthew 14:36; Luke 6:19; Acts 10:38. His own ministry on earth established His Will to heal "every one." "They were healed every one" was the standard in Christ's ministry. It was what He promised to the believing Church. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." John 14:12.

"They were healed every one" was what "Jesus *began* both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up," Acts 1:1-2, and then *continued* to do *after* He was taken up and seated at the Father's right hand. Acts 5:16; Acts 28:9.

"They were healed every one" is, therefore, the Will of God *now* while Christ is seated in heaven: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

"They were healed every one" is as much the Will of God as it is His Will to forgive every sinner who repents. "Who forgiveth *all* ... who healeth *all*." Psalm 103:3. "They were healed every one." This blessing is for *every* city: "Into *whatsoever* city ye enter... heal the sick that are therein." Luke 10:8-9. "The sick" includes "every one" who is sick.

"They were healed every one." This puts whole cities to talking about Jesus, and makes Him the public center of attraction, as was the case in Jerusalem.

"They were healed every one" will bring "multitudes" to hear the Gospel. Acts 5:16. It will also bring multitudes from surrounding towns and cities.

"They were healed every one." In this way "multitudes both of men and women" are "added to the Lord." Acts 5:14. The first healing miracle in Acts caused "about five thousand" men to "believe." Acts 4:4.

"They were healed every one" is one of the ways in which God bore witness to this great salvation "both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost." Hebrews 2:3-4.

This is the ministry which has caused multiplied thousands of non-Christians to obey the Gospel in our own Crusades in over 60 countries of the world.

"They were healed every one." The Early Church prayed for this before the sick were brought from the surrounding areas to the streets of Jerusalem for healing. "By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." Acts 4:30.

"They were healed every one." Even the physically well and strong united to bring this result about. "*They* brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches." Acts 5:1.

"They were healed every one." This is what the whole church is to pray for "in one accord," as the Early Church did: "They lifted up their voice to God *with one accord*." Acts 4:24.

"They were healed every one." This was accomplished for *all* when the sick did not get as close to Peter as the people got to Jesus, when "they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might

touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as *touched* him were made whole." Mark 6:56. They did not even *touch* Peter — only "the shadow of Peter," yet "they were healed every one" and there were "multitudes" of them.

"They were healed everyone." This is the result the Holy Spirit longs to accomplish everywhere: a) He interceded for it, Acts 4:24-30, b) He accomplished it, Acts 5:12-16, and c) He recorded it so that every creature could hear and read about it, and thus have faith for it to be repeated today.

"They were healed every one" would have included *you*, if you were sick, and if you had been there that day. Healing, therefore, is for *you* today because God's Will which was executed in Jerusalem, has never changed.

"They were healed every one" included all of "them which were vexed with unclean spirits." Acts 5:16. The demon- possessed are included in God's Will for healing today.

"They were healed everyone." These words could not be used in recording Jesus' ministry at Nazareth: "He could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a *few sick folk*, and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief." Mark 6:5-6; Matthew 13:58. Only a "few sick folk" were healed in Nazareth. Where the individual's attitude was *wrong*, the result under *Jesus'* ministry was not as good as under *Peter's* ministry when the individual's attitude was *right*.

"They were healed every one." This result can be the same today when "every one" believes the truth about healing. Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make *you* free." John 8:32.

"They were healed every one." This is included in Christ's promise: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. Every sick person in Jerusalem and from the cities round about Jerusalem, Acts 5:15-16, and in the villages, cities and country, Mark 6:56, proved that this blessing was for them.

"They were healed every one." To extend this blessing to *you*, Christ commands *you*: "Have faith in God." Mark 11:22. His words to *you* are "according to *your* faith *be it unto you*." Matthew 9:29. He promises, "when ye pray, believe that *ye* receive (what you ask for), and *ye shall* have them." Mark 11:24. He says, "Ask what ye will, and it *shall* be done unto you." John 15:7.

"They were healed every one." This is God's Will *today*. It is His Will for *you* — *now*! He promises, "EVERYONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH." Matthew 7:8.

Chapter 8: HEALTH FOR THE WHOLE PERSON

THIS MESSAGE OF Good News *"is the POWER of God unto salvation to EVERY ONE that believeth."* Romans 1:16.

That includes YOU!

I cannot explain how Jesus suffered YOUR diseases and YOUR pains on His Cross so many years ago. It is not logical or reasonable. Perhaps this is why "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish FOOLISHNESS; but to us which are saved it is the POWER OF GOD." 1 Corinthians 1:18.

But when you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth what the Bible says that Jesus did for you on His Cross, Romans 10:9-10, *then God will confirm, it by His miracle power.* "Only believe," Jesus said. Mark 5:36.

Christ paid for *your* perfect and complete healing when He died. He is the Lord "Who healeth ALL THY diseases." Psalm 103:3. He paid for *your* healing when He "carried YOUR diseases and suffered YOUR pains, taking the stripes by which Y OU WERE HEALED." Isaiah 53:4-5 L.T.

"It is finished" now. John 19:30. *Your* health is paid for. *Your* diseases were laid upon *Him*. Matthew 8:17. He took them away forever. Healing belongs to YOU now. It is a gift. It is YOURS.

Satan has no right to lay on YOU what God laid on Jesus at the Cross.

"The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6.

"For the transgression of my people was he stricken." Isaiah 53:8.

"It pleased the LORD to bruise him... (and make) his soul an offering for sin." Isaiah 53:10.

"For he shall bear their iniquities." Isaiah 53:11. "He bare the sins of MANY." Isaiah 53:12. "He was wounded for OUR transgressions, he was bruised for OUR iniquities: the chastisement of OUR peace was upon him." Isaiah 53:5.

Certainly he has borne OUR sicknesses and carried OUR pains." Isaiah 53:4 L.T. "With his stripes WE ARE HEALED." Isaiah 53:5.

"Himself took OUR infirmities, and bare OUR sicknesses." Matthew 8:17. Why? *So that we do not have to* — so we can be healed and enjoy health and happiness — PLENTY OF IT.

"Who his own self bare OUR sins in his own body on the tree." 1 Peter 2:24. Why? "That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24.

What is the result of this freedom from sin and evil? It is this: "By whose stripes YE WERE HEALED" 1 Peter 2:24. — spiritually, mentally, and physically.

When sin entered the human family, sickness logically followed. All of medical science is in accord about the profound influence which the human spirit and mental attitude have on the physical body and nervous system.

The devastation of deceit and evil, the decadence of lust and envy, the noxious gangrene of hatred and vengeance, the morbid corruption of sin and rebellion all impose their destructive toll on the human body. It is constantly poisoned by the venomous fountain of man's negative and depraved spirit.

Salvation and healing are free gifts from God to rescue and heal you, not only from the evil and sin of your heart and spirit, but from their terrifying physical effects upon your nerves and body.

"Who his own self bare OUR SINS," 1 Peter 2:24, *so that YOU may be SAVED.*

"Himself took OUR INFIRMITIES, and bare OUR SICKNESSES," Matthew 8:17, *so that YOU may be HEALED and MADE WHOLE.*

Forgiveness of sins and physical healing are both part of YOUR GREAT SALVATION. Spiritual and physical HEALING, according to God's Word, are to be received together. *Salvation includes both. Both the soul and the body need healing.* Jesus always healed both. "Who forgiveth all thine *iniquities*; who healeth all thy *diseases*." Psalm 103:3.

"Whether is easier to say, thy *sins* be forgiven thee; or to say, *Arise, and walk.*" Matthew 9:5.

"For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and SHOULD BE *CONVERTED* AND I SHOULD *HEAL* THEM." Matthew 13:15.

"Is ANY sick among you? ... the prayer of faith shall *save the sick*, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, THEY SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM." James 5:14-15.

Clearly, the healing God offers through the Cross of Christ is TOTAL HEALTH for the WHOLE PERSON — spiritual, mental and physical, and that health is for YOU!

PART 3: THE KILLER

THE THIRD STEP TO RECEIVE MIRACLE HEALING IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO BE WELL: THAT ONLY SATAN WANTS YOU TO SUFFER.

Chapter 9: THE SOURCE OF DISEASE

THE THIRD STEP TO RECEIVE *MIRACLE HEALING* IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT *GOD* WANTS YOU TO BE WELL: THAT ONLY *SATAN* WANTS YOU TO SUFFER.

THE FAITH OF MANY who seek healing from Christ is hindered by the idea that God may have some purpose in their suffering; that perhaps their sickness has been put on them by God, and that they should have patience and not insist on healing. Thousands of good people suffer needlessly for years, and die prematurely because of these ideas.

In order to clear our minds of these teachings, we need to clearly understand that *sickness is from Satan*, and not from God; that *Satan has put it on us*, not God.

I preached the Gospel for seven years before I heard anyone say that sickness came from the devil. This statement made me think, and I began to search the Scriptures about this. I discovered some facts which I had never known before.

This verse first captured my attention: "So went *Satan* forth . . . and smote Job with sore boils." Job 2:7. Here, sickness was brought to Job directly by Satan.

I noted that Jesus said of a woman who was bent over, "*Satan* hath bound her;" that she had a "*spirit* of infirmity." Luke 13:11-16.

I remembered that blindness was caused by a devil, Matthew 12:22, and that when Jesus cast out the devil, the blind man could see.

I recalled that a boy who had convulsions, and who was deaf and dumb, was perfectly whole after the demon had been cast out of him. Mark 9:25-27.

Then I found that important Scripture which so many have overlooked: "Jesus went about . . . healing all that were oppressed of the devil." Acts 10:38. This Scripture affirms that all the sick people whom Christ healed had been *oppressed of the devil*. In other words, in those days sickness was identified as Satan's oppression.

I heard a Bible teacher explain something about healing that I had never heard before in all my life. It was very reasonable, and helped me to understand the ministry of healing so clearly that my entire life and ministry were changed in a few hours. Divine healing had previously been a mystery to me. He explained *Satan's part in disease as follows*:

"Every disease has a life — a germ. That germ is from Satan because it destroys. It is what Jesus called a '*spirit of infirmity*,' Luke 13:11-13. That germ causes the disease to grow just like the germ of life from our conception caused us to grow and become a human body. When that germ, or life, leaves our body, then our body will die. It will decay and return to the dust. Likewise, when the spirit of a disease leaves, the disease dies, and it will decay and disappear." He explained further: "Those who have received Christ by faith and have become part of God's family *have power over the spirit of the devil that brings disease*. Luke 9:1-2, 6; Luke 10:1,8-9,19. Jesus said: 'In my name shall (ye) cast out devils.' Mark 16:17. In His Name we have absolute authority to command the life of disease to leave the body of one who trusts in Christ. It must obey us. When it leaves, then the disease dies and the effects of it disappear."

Then the teacher illustrated his point:

"For example, a cancer has a life in it. That life is of the devil *because it destroys and kills*. John 10:10. As long as that life is there, that cancer will continue its work of destruction, but when that cancer-life is commanded to leave, in Jesus' Name, it must go. Then the cancer is dead. It will decay and pass away and the sick person will *recover*." Mark 16:18.

When I heard that Bible teacher explain that, my whole attitude toward the healing ministry changed. I then knew I could pray for sick people. John 14:12-14. I could rebuke the spirits of their diseases in Jesus' Name and command them to leave. I knew that their sicknesses would then die and that they would recover just like Jesus said: "In my name shall they cast out devils . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18.

We began inviting sick people to attend our meetings. We prayed for them, rebuking the spirits of infirmities and commanding them to leave the sick people, in Jesus' Name. The diseases died, and the sick people were healed. Christ confirmed His Word and God was glorified not only in the healing of the sick, but in the salvation of many souls. *We have, many times, led more souls to Christ in one day, by including the healing part of the Gospel in our message, than we did in all of the seven years combined, before we proclaimed Christ as Healer.*

We rebuked the blind spirit which had caused a cataract on a man's eye. The blind spirit left, the cataract died and in a few days, as the white growth disappeared, the blind eye could see again. Normal sight was restored.

We rebuked the deaf spirit which had caused a man to be deaf, commanding it to leave in Jesus' Name. The deaf man received hearing instantly.

We commanded the life of a cancer to leave a woman. The cancer died, and the sick woman recovered.

The sick recovered just as Jesus promised they would. We soon began hearing reports: "I was prayed for and now I am healed!" "I had a tumor and now it is gone!" "My cancer has disappeared!" New faith was manifested in our church and its influence spread for hundreds of miles all around us. We had taken the Bible promises seriously and were ministering to the sick. "Christ was working with

us, confirming his word with signs following." Mark 16:20. Our lives have been different ever since.

This has been going on now for over 30 years in our lives. We are still acting on Christ's instructions. With the authority and power He has given us over devils and diseases, we are rebuking the "spirits of infirmities" which cause diseases, commanding them to leave the bodies of the sick. The sick people are recovering, and thousands of souls are accepting the Gospel and receiving Christ as their Savior in almost every mass Crusade we conduct.

We do not say these things to boast, but to show that the miraculous power of Christ, when manifested today in the healing of the sick, causes thousands of souls to believe on Christ as their Savior, just as it did in Bible days. John 2:23; John 6:2,14. "Believers were the more added to the Lord, *MULTITUDES* both of men and women." Acts 5:14. This happened when "they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches . . . and they were healed *every one*." Acts 5:15-16.

As long as you think that your sickness may be from God, you will not resist it.

As long as you think God may have a purpose in your sickness, you will not rebuke it.

But when you understand what the Scriptures so clearly teach, *that sickness is of Satan*, you will then resist it, rebuke it, refuse it, and it will leave you, as you trust in Christ.

Doctors may call the disease which stiffens the joints "arthritis" or "rheumatism," but an oppressing spirit of the devil is the Scriptural cause. The proper medical term for deafness may be "dead ear nerves," but from God's point of view, the real trouble is a deaf spirit.

Medical science may diagnose the case of a lad who cannot speak, "undeveloped vocal cords," but the Bible term is a dumb spirit.

The specialist may say "glaucoma" or "cataracts" are the cause of a person's blindness, but Jesus called it a blind devil.

A totally blind lady was brought to us for prayer. The doctors said her optical nerves were dead, and from a medical standpoint they were right. For fifteen years she had walked in total blindness with a beautiful dog which led her about.

We rebuked the blind demon which had destroyed her sight in Jesus Christ's Name. It left her, and the lady screamed with joy, "Oh, now I see! I am healed!" Her sight was restored instantly.

In Jamaica, a woman was hauled to our meeting in an old wheelbarrow by three women. She had suffered, according to the doctors, a complete stroke of paralysis due to a large blood clot on the brain.

She had lain almost lifeless for four days and nights without swallowing water or food. Her eyes were rolled back in her head and her body appeared to be dead, except for the faint pulse of her heart.

We rebuked the spirit that had paralyzed her and commanded it to leave her. Then I called in a loud voice: "Veda, open your eyes and be made whole in Jesus' Name." She was instantly healed. In a few minutes she was on her feet, and walked home, sound and well.

The cause of her illness was a "spirit of infirmity" which had been sent by Satan to kill and destroy her life. John 10:10. But God healed her. Praise His Name!

I could record hundreds of cases which have occurred in our own ministry, but I believe I have related enough, when coupled with the Scriptural evidences given, to prove to the unprejudiced that sickness is of Satan, caused by his "spirits of infirmities" and that when these spirits are cast out in Jesus' Name, the sick recover today, just as Jesus promised they would.

On the farm we used to chop a deep groove around a tree to kill it. Though the leaves did not wither instantly, we knew that we had dealt the deathblow to the tree and that it would die, and it always did. So it is with disease. Jesus gave us power and authority over all diseases. Mark 3:14-15. In His Name, believers have the right to rebuke them and they will die. Philippians 2:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 17:20. Perhaps the symptoms, like the leaves on the tree, do not disappear immediately, but when we have prayed with faith, and have rebuked the life of the disease, we know that the sickness has been destroyed from the root, and that the outward symptoms must disappear.

Jesus rebuked a fig tree which bore no figs. He spoke to the tree: "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever." Mark 11:12-14. He knew the life of the tree died at that moment and that the tree would wither.

The following day, they passed by the tree again, and "saw the fig tree dried up from the roots."²¹ Peter suddenly remembered what the Lord had *said to the tree* the day before and exclaimed in amazement: "Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away." Mark 11:20-24. He was surprised.

Jesus replied: "*Have faith in God.*" Mark 11:20-24. He had expected the tree to wither.

If we know that Satan brings disease, that a "spirit of infirmity" is the life of the sickness, then we can calmly rebuke it in Jesus' Name, commanding the "spirit of the infirmity" to leave, and we can be sure that the disease is then dead. We do not doubt because we do not see the green leaves (or symptoms) wither immediately. We *know* the life of the sickness has gone, that the disease is dead from the roots, and so we rejoice in faith while the outward symptoms disappear.

Knowing this, you have come to understand that *God wants you to be well*, and that *only Satan wants you to suffer*.

Chapter 10: SATAN SPOILED THE PLAN

GOD CREATED man and woman perfect — physically, mentally, spiritually, — and He placed them in the Garden of Eden, a place of *material abundance*.

That was God's plan for you.

If He had willed that this most beautiful creation, formed in HIS own likeness, should be diseased or disabled, would He have created them in such physical perfection?

But sin came. Satan, the Tempter, persuaded Adam and Eve to doubt God's Word. "Hath God said?" Genesis 3:1, was his question.

They concluded that God *did NOT mean* what He said when He warned that disobedience would bring upon them the penalty of death. Genesis 2:17. So they disobeyed His law, and, therefore, had to be expelled from the paradise which God had created for them to enjoy.

From that day, they were Satan's slaves. All that was perfect began to deteriorate.

Happiness turned to sadness, love to hatred. Life was plagued by disease and eventual death. Beauty turned to ashes. Faith turned to distrust and confidence to deception.

Those healthy bodies became subject to the fiendish torture of Satan who came "to *steal*, and to *kill*, and to *destroy*." John 10:10.

Pain and suffering, disease and sickness, deterioration and infirmity became an incurable curse until the only relief from this torture chamber was death itself — the final blow to God's human creation.

The twin evils of sin and sickness have marched hand-in-hand throughout all generations since Adam. Physical beauty and health

have been scarred with every imaginable form of disease. The human mind and heart have deteriorated with sin and corruption.

In spite of the golden triumphs of medical science and the almost prodigious achievements of modern surgical procedures, human beings are still menaced by the vicious prospect of myriad complex diseases against which man has been unable to discover or devise a permanent cure — from the most common cold to the diabolical scourge of cancer.

Chapter 11: HARVEST OF SUFFERING

IT WAS NEVER God's plan for man and woman, whom He created in perfection, to be sick or weak or to suffer.

The problem of sickness and physical weakness came when temptation came and Adam and Eve yielded. Sin was conceived. They were driven out from God's presence. The seeds of sin grew and produced evil in their hearts.

"God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually ... and it grieved him." Genesis 6:5-6.

Disharmony and deceit, jealousy and hatred, envy and lust, violence and murder *disrupted the entire structure of the human spirit and mind.*

This discord produced an ever-growing, menacing harvest of physical pain, suffering, disease and deterioration.

Deuteronomy, Chapter 28, outlines the awful penalty and curse of disobedience to God. It enumerates a horrifying list of *specific physical diseases* which mankind suffers. Deuteronomy 28:15,20-22; Deuteronomy 28:27-29,35; Deuteronomy 28:60-61,65-67. Then a comprehensive footnote is added to the gruesome catalog: "ALSO every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law." Deuteronomy 28:61.

But God, who is Love and Life — God who created man and woman "in his own image" Genesis 1:26-27, could not give up His plan. At the very time they were rebelling against Him, being driven out of His presence, and sinking into depravation and despair, His immense love drove Him to find a way to buy back (or redeem) His creation from Satan who had defrauded them.

God's own law made it clear that whoever sinned must be punished.
"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4, 20.

"The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.

"But *all* had sinned, so *all* must suffer and die." Romans 5:12. *Only an innocent, sinless One could be a substitute for the guilty.*

Therefore, God loved you so much that He gave His only Son as a ransom for you. 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Mark 10:45. Jesus Christ, the Innocent One, suffered the penalty which the guilty deserved.

Chapter 12: THE GOOD NEWS

THE GOSPEL is Good News. What Good News?

It is the Good News of what Jesus did for you on the Cross. He bore the punishment for YOUR sins. Why? So that you do not need to be punished. The great redemptive chapter of Isaiah, chapter 53, says: "Certainly he has borne OUR sicknesses and carried OUR pains." When He suffered our penalty on the Cross, Isaiah said that the people esteemed that this man, Jesus, was being punished by God. Isaiah 53:4.

"But," the redemptive fact is, that "He was wounded for OUR transgressions, he was bruised for OUR iniquities: the chastisement of OUR peace was upon him ; and with his stripes *WE ARE HEALED.*" Isaiah 53:5.

If He suffered OUR diseases and bore OUR pains, then logically, *WE ARE HEALED. What marvelous freedom!* This is the same as to say: "Your friend paid all of YOUR debts, and by his payment, *YOU ARE FREE.* Your debt does not exist, once it is paid in full. It is gone. You have no more obligation. You cannot pay the same debt twice. Once paid, it is wiped out."

The MESSAGE of the GOSPEL is GOOD NEWS!

"For the Eternal has consecrated me, and sent me with good news for wretched men, to heal the brokenhearted, to tell the prisoners *THEY ARE FREE*, to tell captives *THEY ARE RELEASED.*" Isaiah 61:1 M.

PART 4: THE CONDITION

THE FOURTH STEP TO RECEIVE MIRACLE HEALING IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT PHYSICAL HEALING IS A PART OF SALVATION.

Chapter 13: WELCOME THE HEALER

THE FOURTH STEP TO RECEIVE *MIRACLE HEALING* IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT PHYSICAL HEALING IS A PART OF *SALVATION*.

WE CANNOT SEPARATE the Healer from the Savior, so we cannot separate divine healing from salvation.

The best way to receive healing for your body, is to receive healing for your soul.

The sure way to receive healing for your body, is to welcome the Healer into your life.

If you called a physician to aid your dying loved one, you would gladly receive him into your house when he arrived.

So, in seeking Christ's healing, welcome the Healer into your life.

We have had the joy of seeing thousands of people miraculously healed of all manner of disease and physical disability. Always, before we pray for the healing of sick bodies, we give the sick an opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as the Healer of their souls. After accepting the Healer into their lives, they can then receive His healing for their bodies.

For three weeks a very sinful man attended one of our campaigns. During every meeting which he attended, he ignored our admonition to serve the Lord, and refused to pray the sinner's prayer for forgiveness. Although he always repeated the prayer for healing, he received no answer. He wanted healing but he did not want the Healer to live in his life.

After three weeks, the Word of God convinced him of his sins and of his need of Christ. John 16:8. Later he testified:

"I made my decision to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. As I called on Him to come into my life, He cleansed me from all my sins. After the prayer for salvation, as I heard Mr. Osborn tell us that the same Christ who had healed us of our sins would now heal us of our diseases, *I suddenly realized that He had already healed me.*"

Here was a man who had prayed for three weeks to be healed but had received nothing, because he rejected the Healer. When he finally decided to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior, Christ healed him of all his diseases, *even before he had a chance to ask*. I have seen this happen to thousands of people.

Another man came to accept Christ; he had two ruptures, and one deaf ear. While he was thanking God for healing his soul and forgiving his sins, Christ the Healer, who had entered his life, healed his body completely, *even before he asked for healing*.

An old man in Central America who repented of his sins and received Christ into his heart and life was instantly healed of total blindness at the moment the Healer entered his life. When he testified to what Christ had done for him, he exclaimed: "Christ has come in. He is right here in my heart!"

Then, he continued (as he pounded on his chest), "Lay your hand here, you can feel Him. He is here! I can see everything! He has opened my blind eyes! I am saved! I am healed!"

God's order for blessing our lives is: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psalm 103:3. Forgiveness for our sins comes first, then healing for our diseases follows.

The *first* blessing Jesus pronounced upon the paralytic was: "Son, thy sins are forgiven thee." Then He added, "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." Mark 2:5,11. It was forgiveness first, and then healing.

God's condition for His healing covenant is, "*Ye shall serve the LORD your God*" ... (then He adds) "and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." Exodus 23:25.

Healing comes from the Healer. He heals from within. Receive Him, and you will receive His healing which is part of His Abundant Life. John 10:10.

You could never receive healing while rejecting the Healer.

A man asked me, "Will you pray for me to be healed?"

"Certainly," I replied, and then I asked, "Have you received Jesus Christ into your life as your personal Savior and Lord?"

"No!" was his answer.

"Then," I asked, "why do you ask God to heal you when you do not love Him enough to serve Him? Why should you ask God for more strength to serve the devil? If you will serve God, He will heal your body, but if you refuse to serve Him by refusing to receive Christ into your life, you should not expect Him to heal your body!"

The man thought all of this over intelligently, made his decision, accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, was joyfully converted, *and instantly healed*.

You may be one who desires healing for your body, yet has never had a definite experience of receiving Jesus Christ into your life — of being REBORN or SAVED. John 3:7,17; Luke 9:56; Romans 10:13; 1 Timothy 1:15. If so, no time is so good as *now* to be saved. "Now is the accepted time; behold, *now is the day of salvation*." 2 Corinthians 6:2.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER accepted Jesus Christ by a definite act of faith, at a definite time, remember that the Bible says: "*All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*," Romans 3:23, and that "Except ye repent, ye shall *all* likewise perish." Luke 13:5.

"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Isaiah 69:2. But His blood was "shed for many for the *remission* of sins," Matthew 26:28, and "thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. "If we confess our sins (to him), he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

According to these Scriptures, if we have not accepted Christ's forgiveness for our sins, we are separated from God, and He will not hear us. But through His shed blood, we have remission and cleansing for our sins, Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, if we will humble ourselves, James 4:10, confess them to Him, 1 John 1:9, and accept Him now. John 1:12.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," John 3:7, and Paul said, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17. This is the miracle of the new birth. Christ actually enters our lives, and we are made new because He begins to live in us. This is not accepting a religion; this is accepting CHRIST. He is a PERSON, not a philosophy. This is reality, not a doctrine.

When I was married and accepted my wife into my life, I did not get the "marriage-RELIGION;" I received a *person* — my wife. And when I was SAVED or REBORN by receiving Christ into my life, I did not get the "Christian-RELIGION;" I received a *person* — the Lord Jesus. My *conversion* was as definite an experience as my *marriage*. *On both occasions I accepted another PERSON into my life.*

When you understand what SALVATION means, then to say, "I do not know for sure if I am *saved*," is as unreasonable as to say, "I do not know for sure if I am *married*."

Those who do not understand the full, Biblical meaning of salvation, when asked if they are *saved*, may reply: "I think so — I try to be —

but I am not sure about it.” This is like saying, “I think I’m married; I try to be, but I am not sure about it.”

John said, “We KNOW that we have passed from death unto life.” 1 John 3:14. There are many things which you may never *know*, but you can KNOW you have Christ’s life in you. You can KNOW that you have been *saved* — that you are *born again*. (Be sure to get my book, *How to Be Born Again*.)

Some may ask: “How can I KNOW that I am saved? How can I be sure that my sins are forgiven?” The Philippian jailer asked that question: “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And Paul and Silas said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU SHALT BE SAVED.” Acts 16:30-31.

Jesus said, “He that believeth (the Gospel) and is baptized, SHALL BE SAVED.” Mark 16:16.

Paul said, “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth ... Jesus as LORD, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED.” Romans 10:9.

Peter said, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED.” Acts 2:21.

Every one of these Scriptures contains the promise, “YOU SHALL BE SAVED.” Do what these Scriptures say, and you can KNOW that you have received Christ — that you have passed from death unto life — that you are born again — that you are saved. This is not accepting *religion*; this is *Christianity*.

A real Christian is anyone who (A) has come to God as a lost sinner, Luke 18:13; Romans 3:23, (B) accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, John 1:12; Revelation 3:20; Luke 2:11; John 4:42, (C) surrendered to Him as his Lord and Master, Matthew 17:5; Acts 2:36; Romans 14:9; Colossians 1:18; 1 Peter 3:22, (D) confesses Him before the world, Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11; Matthew 10:32; Romans 14:11-12; 1 John 4:15; Revelation 3:5, and (E) strives

to please Him in everything, every day of his life. Hebrews 13:21;1 John 3:21-22;Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:13-16; Colossians 3:1-17.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE that you have personally accepted Jesus Christ into your heart as your Lord and Master, then I joyfully point to you the way to peace with God, Romans 5:1, forgiveness of sins, Colossians 1:13-14, and to the great joy of living the Christ-life. 1 Peter 1:8; Isaiah 12:3; Isaiah 35:10; Isaiah 61:10 ;Psalm 132:16.

FIRST: Realize that you are a sinner. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves." 1 John 1:8.

SECOND: Truly be sorry for and repent of your sins. "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke 18:13. "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." 2 Corinthians 7:10.

THIRD: Confess your sins to God. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Proverbs 28:13. "If we confess our sins (to Him), he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." John 1:9.

FOURTH: Forsake your sins - put them away. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD and he will have mercy upon him ... for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7. "Whoso confesseth and forsaketh (his sins) shall have mercy." Proverbs 28:13.

FIFTH: Ask forgiveness for your sins. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities." Psalm 103:3. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18. *SIXTH: Consecrate your entire life to Christ.*

"Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 10:32.
"But ye are a chosen generation ... that ye should shew forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

SEVENTH: Believe that God saves you by His grace. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

Chapter 14: RECEIVING CHRIST BY FAITH

BECAUSE THIS FOURTH STEP is so essential to your salvation, I want to help you understand what it means to receive Jesus Christ by FAITH.

According to the Bible, this thing that we call FAITH is the most important of all. In your conversion, it means to "ONLY BELIEVE" as Jesus said. Mark 5:36; Mark 9:23.

All else is empty and meaningless if you do not have FAITH.

One 'may recognize his sins, abhor them and be repentant; one may ask forgiveness and make endless consecrations for Christian living and even say with his lips that he has accepted Christ. *But UNLESS HE HAS FAITH IN God, in His Word, in Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the Cross and in His resurrection, he has not been truly BORN AGAIN.*

"The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH." Romans 1:16.

"By grace (unmerited favor) are ye saved THROUGH FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

"For he that cometh to God *MUST BELIEVE* that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6.

"Without FAITH it is impossible to please him." Hebrews 11:6. The Bible promises: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be *saved*," Romans 10:13, but this salvation must be accepted by FAITH.

FAITH is believing that what God said is true. FAITH means you expect God to do what He promised to do. That is why "FAITH

COMETH by hearing ... the word of God.” Romans 10:17. One must know *what God has promised to do* before he can expect Him to do it. Once we KNOW God’s promise and EXPECT HIM TO DO IT, THAT IS FAITH!

FAITH is accepting God’s promises and being so convinced that they are true that one acts upon them in spite of contradictory evidence.

What are we to believe? The answer is, *THE GOSPEL* — the Good News of what Jesus accomplished for us through His death on the Cross, and through His resurrection.

The Bible makes many statements which *seem* incredible — even illogical, but we are commanded to BELIEVE them. Jesus said, "HAVE FAITH IN GOD." Mark 11:22. So accept these statements about Christ and His substitutionary sacrifice on the Cross,¹ Corinthians 15:1-4, as being literally true, whether they seem *reasonable* or not. That is FAITH.

The Bible says that "He was wounded for OUR transgressions, he was bruised for OUR iniquities." Isaiah 53:5.

"Who his own self bore OUR sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24.

"For God made him (Jesus) to be sin for US, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21.

The mystery of the Gospel is that *Christ died for US and endured all of the penalty of OUR sins which was charged to OUR account, so that OUR debt is paid in full and, therefore, does not exist any longer.*

Why did He do this? Because we had sinned against God and had broken His law which declares: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," Ezekiel 18:20, and "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.

Man and woman were created perfect, sinless, healthy, pure, happy - and they lived in a garden of plenty. They walked and talked with God and HAD NO SENSE OF INFERIORITY, CONDEMNATION, GUILT OR FEAR.

Then Satan's temptation came. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. Genesis 3:1-6. That was sin and it had to be punished.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12.

Man and woman were driven out of God's presence to live forever *separated from God, as slaves of Satan, and to reap the terrible harvest of their sin:* evil, hate, envy, greed, murder, disease, heartache, failure, pain, poverty, defeat and all the works of the devil — the consequence of the root-evil of SIN.

God's law, which demanded that all who sin must die, could not be changed; yet, "He was not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9. "He has no pleasure in the death of him that dieth." Ezekiel 18:32; Ezekiel 33:11.

So ... "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever *believeth* in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Jesus came down to our level and lived as a man, but without sin — so He was perfect. Being without sin, He became our substitute and suffered the penalty of OUR sins.

We could not pay for our own sins and live, because the penalty is death. All had sinned, so all had to die. That is why Jesus came. He had not sinned. He was conceived by a miracle of the Holy Ghost in which a Divine seed was implanted in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Luke 1:28-32; Luke 1:35.

Thus, Jesus was not born of human seed, but of God's seed. Since the BLOOD comes from the father's seed (and not from the

mother), Jesus was Divine! His bloodline was of the Deity! Since "the *LIFE* of the flesh is in the blood," Leviticus 17:11, the LIFE of Jesus was Divine — *He was God in the flesh!* ("Call his name *Emmanuel*, which being interpreted is, *God with us.*") Matthew 1:23.

That is why John pointed to Him and said: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

When He went to the Cross and was condemned and crucified, that was a perfect and sinless substitute taking our place. God's own Son, in the flesh, with Divine blood, *died for us.*

God said, "I have given the blood to you upon the altar to make atonement for the soul." Leviticus 17:11.

Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:28.

Isaiah said, "The LORD laid on him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all," Isaiah 53:6, and "for the transgression of my people was he stricken." Isaiah 53:8. "His soul was made an offering for sin" Isaiah 53:10, and "He bore their iniquity." Isaiah 53:11. "He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12. That included YOU and ME!

Although this is impossible for some to accept, this is the Good News by which we are saved. You probably do not understand the North or South Poles and probably have not seen them, but you accept them, and if you ever traveled on an airplane or crossed the seas, you proved your faith in those Poles because you were guided by their influence.

You probably do not understand your radio, telephone, electricity or television, but you use them. They work for you. You rely on them.

In the same way, you must believe the Good News of Jesus Christ and believe that He actually took YOUR place, suffered YOUR sins

and bore all of the penalty of YOUR guilt, On that Cross, as He was dying, He said,

"IT IS FINISHED." John 19:30. Your debt cannot be paid twice. Your penalty cannot be suffered twice. Jesus did it for YOU and NOW YOUR SALVATION IS COMPLETE.

So ... when you believe the Gospel, it means that you have faith in what Jesus did for you in His substitutionary death.

Now comes the real issue. Do you *believe* the Gospel message? *Do you have FAITH in what Jesus did for you?* How can you prove your faith in Him? The answer is in one simple word: TRUST. *Trust Him!*

I say to you what I say to thousands who accept Christ in our mass Crusades. *TRUST in the finished work of Christ for your soul.* TRUST WHAT HE DID FOR YOU.

Trust that He suffered enough for you and all the sins you ever committed or inherited. Jesus paid the full and supreme price.

Trust that He was perfect; that His blood was sinless.

Trust that He was perfectly innocent so that He could take *your* place as *your* substitute.

Trust that His blood was enough to wash away every sin of yours.

Trust that nothing else needs to be done, no further price needs to be paid, no further penalty needs to be suffered, no good works or offerings or merits or sacrifices or penance need to be added to what Christ did to redeem you.

Trust that He did *enough*.

Rest your soul forever on the foundation of what the Bible says Jesus did FOR YOU.

Once you have heard and believed the Good News; once you have recognized your sins and repented of them; once you have confessed and turned your back on them; once you have come to God as a repenting, broken sinner and have asked His pardon and have expressed your faith in what Jesus did for you; once you have accepted Jesus Christ into your heart by faith and decided to live for Him, and have purposed to strive to please Him in all that you think and say and do, then — *never again do anything or make any sacrifice or effort or pay any price or take any other step - ever - to be saved!*

TRUST Jesus Christ.

TRUST that He did *enough* at the Cross.

TRUST His sacrifice. *Yours* will not help.

TRUST that He paid *your* debt.

TRUST that He suffered *enough*.

TRUST His payment for your sins. Your offerings and good works will never improve your state of salvation one iota. They can add nothing.

TRUST the blood of God's Son.

TRUST in His love to reach you, and in His power to save and redeem you.

TRUST what He did at the Cross; nothing you can think or say or do in the here and now, or in the future, can ever add to *what He did!*

Jesus paid ENOUGH! He suffered ENOUGH! You and your penance or offerings cannot add to what He did for You. *He did it FOR YOU so that you will never have to do anything more than "ONLY BELIEVE."* Mark 5:36; St. John 9:38; John 11:27; John 14:1,10-11;

John 19:35; John 20:31; Acts 8:37; Acts 13:39; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10. TRUST HIM!

And when you come to your last day on earth, and draw your last breath, in that moment KEEP ON TRUSTING! Don't try to think or say or do anything to improve your salvation at that hour. Because what Jesus did nearly 2,000 years ago was ENOUGH. *TRUST* what He did, and YOU WILL BE SAVED! This is what the Bible means by "FAITH."

As long as we try to improve our salvation by good works, offerings, suffering, penance or any other thing, we are not believing the Gospel - we are not TRUSTING CHRIST.

When I think of leaving this life and of standing before God, I tremble to contemplate the value of *ANYTHING I ever thought or said or did in life*. It is all so weak and insignificant, so full of flaws and mistakes. I could not dare mention anything for any merit before God. Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 2:22; Psalm 49:6-7.

But when I stand before Him, *I shall plead ONLY what Jesus did for me on the Cross*. I shall remember ONLY that He was perfect and that He *died for me*. I shall think only of HIS SINLESS BLOOD.

God cannot reject the blood and life of His own Son. Hebrews 9:12,14; Hebrews 10:19-22.

His Word says that the blood and righteousness of Jesus have been put over *to my account* and that God will only look at me and judge me in Christ. In other words, all of Christ's righteousness is transferred *to my account*.

The "Living" translation of Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, verse 21, says: *"For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!"*

So when God examines me, He sees only the life of His own Son. When I think of that, I am calm. I am secure. I have no fear. I am at peace, because I TRUST IN JESUS. I believe that He did enough. THAT IS "FAITH."

Do you trust Him?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

"But to him that worketh not, but BELIEVETH on him that justifieth the ungodly, his FAITH is counted for righteousness." Romans 4:5.

"Therefore being justified BY FAITH, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1. "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that BELIEVE to the saving of the soul." Hebrews 10:39.

"For by grace are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8.

So, right now, seal your experience with God forever by your FAITH in Him and His Word.

PRAY THIS PRAYER-CONFESSION TO GOD:

My dear Lord:

I do, here and now, BELIEVE on Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe that in Your great mercy and love, You died for ME, as MY substitute.

I BELIEVE that You suffered all of the penalty of MY sins and that you paid the full price so that there is no more sin laid to MY charge.

You were perfectly innocent. You did no wrong. I was the sinner. I broke God's law. The penalty of death was on me. I should have been crucified. But You loved me too much to let me die for my own sins.

Even though I was separated from You by my sins and iniquities, Isaiah 59:2. You saw me in my helpless, fallen state and You loved me. You gave Your Son to die for me.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for taking MY place and for paying MY full debt. Your precious blood was sinless and Divine, yet it was shed for the remission of MY SINS.

When you suffered MY penalty, I was freed. There remain no sins to condemn me so there is now no reason for me to be guilty before God. I can never be judged or sentenced for the sins You died for. They were judged in You, Lord.

ALL of MY sins and old nature were put on Your account and YOU PAID IT ALL FOR ME. Now all of Your spotless righteousness is put to MY account so that I am now redeemed and SAVED.

Lord, I BELIEVE ON JESUS CHRIST!

I believe the Good News of the Cross.

I Thank You that I have received You into my life. I have accepted You today. I have accepted Your RIGHTEOUSNESS. I have received Your free gift of love and mercy and grace. I have accepted You, as a person, in me. Now I am a New Creature. I AM REBORN FROM ABOVE WITH THE DIVINE LIFE OF JESUS.

I TRUST the blood of Jesus, that it blots out every sin and transgression from my life.

I TRUST that You did enough for me; that You paid the full price and that there can never be any further price for me to pay. You paid it all.

I shall never make another effort, or claim any merit, or pay any price, or offer any good works, nor shall I ever - as long as I live - THINK or SAY or DO anything more to have my past sins forgiven, or to be saved.

Lord, You did ENOUGH, nearly 2,000 years ago. YOU PAID THE FULL PRICE FOR ALL OF MY SINS, AND FOR MY SALVATION FOREVER.

So from this day, I TRUST in what You did for me at the Cross. IT IS ENOUGH! I am saved because of what You did for me. Nothing can ever improve my salvation.

Your blood cleanses me NOW.

I have Your Life NOW.

I am saved NOW.

From this moment I shall strive to follow You and to share the Good News with others so that they can receive Your Life too.

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR MY FULL SALVATION. Praise the Lord! JESUS SAVES ME NOW! AMEN!

Chapter 15: A NEW CREATURE

NOW YOU ARE a new creature. Jesus Christ has come into your heart. You now have His NEW LIFE. *You have received the greatest miracle that any man or woman can ever experience.*

Your sins have been punished at the Cross. Jesus suffered in YOUR PLACE. He paid the full price. Your sins can never condemn you again. They are gone — *like an old debt that never needs to be paid again.*

From this moment, never do anything else to try to be saved. JESUS DID ENOUGH when He died on the Cross for your sins.

You are not saved because of anything you have done, or ever can do. "By grace (unmerited favor) are you saved through faith; and that not of yourself: it is a gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

If you ever question your salvation, reread this message. Memorize each verse of Scripture in this book, and treasure them all in your heart.

The Bible says: "They overcame (the Adversary) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." Revelation 12:11. In other words, when you are tempted by the enemy, remember first that only through *the shed BLOOD of Jesus Christ* are you saved. And secondly, remember the *Scriptures* which told you about your salvation. Memorize and quote them in your testimony of Jesus Christ.

Now that you are recreated — REBORN by the LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST, He lives in you. This benediction is certainly for you:

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." 3 Jude 24-25.

Chapter 16: REGISTER YOUR DECISION

AS AN ACT OF FAITH, register *your decision* on the coupon on the next page. Be definite about it. Receiving Christ as Savior is the greatest miracle of your life.

If you believe the Bible-promises contained in this book, and if you have sincerely prayed and received Jesus into your life by faith, then an angel is recording your name "in the Lamb's book of life," Revelation 21:27, right now!

Registering your decision on the coupon, will be a lasting testimony of your personal experience today. If your enemy, the devil, ever tries to make you doubt what has taken place, you will refer to the decision you recorded *this day*, and KNOW that you have received the ABUNDANT LIFE of Jesus Christ and have been BORN AGAIN.

MY DECISION

Through reading this book, *How to Receive Miracle Healing*, I have learned *what it means to be saved*. I have sincerely and reverently *prayed the above prayer*.

I believe I have received Jesus Christ in my own life and that I am REBORN with HIS LIFE. I believe Jesus saves me now. I commit my life to do my best to please Him in all that I *think* and *say* and *do*. With HIS grace and help, I shall share Jesus Christ with others.

Relying on HIM to keep me by His Grace, I have made this decision today

— in Jesus' Name.

Signed

Date

NOW SEAL YOUR DECISION and confession by writing me a personal letter to tell me that you have accepted Jesus Christ, and that you have received the miracle of SALVATION.

My wife and I pray for every person who reads this book. Our greatest reward is to receive letters from those who have been SAVED as a result.

We will answer you personally, and we shall then become prayer-partners in following and serving Jesus Christ.

Write me TODAY— lest you forget. Tell me, in your own words, what took place today. Be sure to tell me the *DATE you signed your decision* in this book. I am praying for you.

Chapter 17: YOUR NEW LIFE

FROM TODAY, you have begun *your new life* with Jesus. Every day do these THREE THINGS:

First: Talk to God every day.

That is prayer. Matthew 7:7-11; Mark 11:23-24; John 14:13-14; Philippians 4:6.

Talk to Him like you would talk to anyone else. He is your Best Friend.

Second: Let God talk to you.

That is Bible reading. Job 23:12; Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:2. Develop the habit of opening the New Testament every day and reading a few verses from the Gospels. This is the way God talks to you — through His Word.

Third: Talk to someone else about God every day.

That is Christian witnessing. Ezekiel 3:18-21; Matthew 9:37-38; Mark 1:17; Luke 19:10; John 4:35-36; John 20:21; Acts 1:8.

Jesus said: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32-33.

Has Jesus Christ done something so wonderful for you that you can't keep quiet about it? Yes! His miracles of grace are worth

telling others about. They need to know, because without Christ, they have no hope.

They have problems without solutions, diseases without cure, fear without peace. So tell them what has happened to you. Begin today, at every opportunity, *to confess Jesus to others.*

Chapter 18: FELLOWSHIP

A VITAL PART of THE CHRISTIAN LIFE in Christ is the particular church or assembly of Christians with whom you choose to fellowship. You will *pray* with them, *learn more of God's Word* with them and *serve* with them.

It is true that we can *fellowship with our Heavenly Father* alone, we can *pray* alone, we can *study God's Word* alone and we can *serve God* alone — all of which *we should do* and *will do*, if we have truly received Christ into our lives.

But it is a fact that *we prove our love for God best when we express His love toward others*. "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." 1 John 4:20-21.

It is also a fact that *we serve God best when we serve others*. "God is love" 1 John 4:8, 16, and "love is of God." 1 John 4:7 "Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." 1 John 4:7. "If God so loved us ... we ought to lay down our lives for our brethren." 1 John 4:11; 1 John 3:16.

"A new commandment I give you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another," John 13:34-35.

It is Scriptural that *we worship God* with a company of believers; that we pray in His sanctuary; that we be taught in the ways of God and of His Word by a shepherd — a pastor.

Paul says, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Ephesians 4:4-8.

"He gave gifts unto men ... He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:8, 11-13.

THE GREAT PROBLEM in this century is that new Christians become confused by the different denominations and churches which sometimes condemn each other and seek to proselyte members from each other.

Most of the problem comes from theologians who seem to feel one cannot accept the Bible literally, but that it must have careful, technical interpretation — and naturally they feel that their school of training provides the only *correct* or *pure* interpretation. Often, as Jesus said, they "strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." Matthew 23:24.

I would urge you not to be confused by this multiplicity of doctrines and interpretations. Do not be critical of those who condemn the doctrines of others while lauding their own. Paul gives some worthy counsel in this regard in the twelfth chapter of Romans. Romans 12:3-10.

Remember, that if true Christianity was as complex as some theologians make it seem to be, no ordinary folks could ever be saved - the heathen in far-off lands could never be converted.

Keep your eyes on Jesus Christ and on what He said and taught. Hebrews 12:2-3. Follow HIM. His life is simple and uncomplicated. 1 Peter 2:21-23. His words are clear in meaning for the most

ordinary person. *You cannot lose your way if you follow Him.* John 8:12; John 10:27-29.

ACROSS THE WORLD, for over 30 years, we have been privileged to lead tens of thousands of non-Christians to accept Christ and receive the New Birth. Then we have urged them to find a company of believers — a good church, and to be faithful in *worshiping, praying, studying, and fellowshiping* together with them. But I am always concerned, because I know that when they seek for that fellowship, they are going to discover divisions which may precipitate confusion in their tender new faith.

My strongest counsel is to follow Jesus Christ. Matthew 16:24-27; John 1:43; John 12:26; John 21:19-22. Be kind and understanding toward other Christians. 1 Corinthians 13:4; Ephesians 4:30-32.

If they accuse and condemn Christians of other churches, do not absorb their bitterness. Hebrews 12:14-15; Philippians 4:7-8. Keep your own heart pure and judge no man. Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 14:12-13; Colossians 3:12-15. Love everyone and be an influence for understanding and good. Ephesians 5:2; Galatians 6:1-2; Romans 12:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13.

Keep this basic rule in mind: *There can be only one true Church - the Body of Christ.* 1 Corinthians 12:27; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 4:4-6. *It is made up of all true believers in all churches, Protestants and Catholics.*

Every man and woman who:

Believes that Jesus Christ is God's Son, Matthew 16:16; John 1:49; John 3:35-36. Conceived of the Holy Ghost, St. Luke 1:34-35.

Born of a virgin; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23. Who came as God in the flesh, John 1:14; John 14:6-11; Romans 8: 3,

Who bore our sins for us in His death on the Cross, 1 Peter 2:24, Who shed His blood for the remission of our sins; Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7,

Who died for us and was raised from the dead for our justification, 1 Corinthians 15:4; Romans 4:25,

Who is now seated at God's right hand, Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 10:12 Hebrews 12:2; Colossians 3:1,

Who forever makes intercession for us; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Timothy 2:5-6,

I say that every man and woman who believes; these cardinal facts of the Gospel and who has come to God as a sinner confessing his sin, and who has repented and called on the Name of Jesus, accepting Him by faith, and who has confessed Christ as Savior before men and believes on Him as his personal Savior, *that person is born into the one true Church of Jesus Christ and he is a child of God, regardless of what company of Christians he or she fellowships and worships and sings and prays and studies with.* Following Christ means to love, to serve, to worship, to learn, to fellowship. All of this can best be expressed through your social relationships found among a local community of Christian believers in your own proximity.

The Bible says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is." Hebrews 10:25.

I RECOMMEND that you do your best to find a company of Christians who believe in the cardinal fundamentals of the Gospel mentioned above. Then be faithful as a member among them.

Cooperate with your pastor. God has appointed him to be a shepherd over the flock. Jeremiah 3:15; Jeremiah 23:4.

God's Word charges him: "Take heed therefore unto yourself, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28.

Give the pastor due respect, Hebrews 13:17, and seek to assist him in every plan to further the cause of Christ in your community — and abroad.

In case you cannot locate an already established church (or community of believers) in your area where you can conveniently attend and be edified in your faith, and where you can have fellowship in worship and Christian service, then do what the early Christians had to do: They made their houses places of prayer and Bible study, and welcomed others to worship, study and pray with them. Acts 2:46-47; Acts 5:42; Acts 12:12; Acts 20:20; Acts 28:30-31.

In fact, this was the way New Testament churches began, Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 2, so it would certainly be Scriptural for your community, if necessary.

Jesus MADE a profound statement about the founding of His CHURCH. *The true Church is founded upon the revelation of faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.* In other words, if you really believe that fact, if God has caused it to be revealed to your heart that Jesus was truly conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin and therefore of Divine blood and the Son of God — actually God in the flesh — and if you have confessed that, then you are part of His true Church *because that revelation is the very foundation of the Church.*

He asked: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Matthew 16:13.

They gave different answers, but Peter said "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16. Jesus responded: "Blessed are you ... for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven ... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:17-18.

If you believe these cardinal facts, you are part of Christ's Church — His Body, *and all of hell cannot destroy your position nor put you out of His Church.*

Membership in local Christian communities is only symbolic. Human beings such as local pastors, teachers and fellow members may assist you and teach you, or they may judge you, admit you or exclude you.

But what counts is: Are you *born again*? Are you a *believer in Jesus Christ*? Has He received you into the ONE CHURCH by your new birth? *You see, you may "join" the Catholics or the Protestants but you must be REBORN by a spiritual miracle to become a member of the TRUE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.*

HERE ARE THREE FACTS about the ONE TRUE CHURCH — the Body of Christ — the community of all true believers throughout the world:

1. JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF FOUNDED IT.

"Upon this rock (of revelation by faith that I am the Son of God) I will *build my church.*" Ephesians 2:19-20.

2. JESUS IS THE CORNERSTONE.

"Now you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ *himself being the chief corner stone.*" Ephesians 2:19-20.

3. JESUS IS THE FOUNDATION.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, *which is Jesus Christ.*" 1 Corinthians 3:11.

Christ is the Founder, the Builder, and the Church belongs to Him alone.

He loves it and gave Himself for it.

"Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:25-27.

"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones ... This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:30, 32.

The Apostle Paul said that the essence of the true Church is "CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27.

"Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." 2 Corinthians 6:16.

THERE IS JUST ONE CHURCH. You may "join" and fellowship with a community of believers in your area, but your **REAL MEMBERSHIP**, your new **SPIRITUAL BIRTH** and **BIRTHRIGHT** is registered in the Lamb's Book of Life in heaven.

Like the telephone or railroad or postal systems, there is one commanding head from whom come all basic orders. Those orders are executed and interpreted by many subordinate authorities, but there is only ONE HEAD, and THAT IS CHRIST!

That is why I say to *follow Christ!* Study His life! Learn His Words! Live like He lived! Think like He thought! Talk like He did! Act like Him! Express His love and mercy and compassion and understanding and you will know the joy and peace and fulfillment of *true Christian living*. Only that way can you really live THE GOOD LIFE.

The underlying basic beliefs and doctrines of all Christian denominations are fundamentally the same:

Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost.

He was born of a virgin.

**HE WAS God in the flesh, "Emmanuel... God with us."
Matthew 1:23**

His blood was Divine.

His life showed us the Will of God. John 6:38.

He died to pay our debt, bearing our sins.

He rose again for our justification.

He lives today seated at God's right hand to ever make intercession for us as the only Mediator between us and God. He is man's only Savior. John 14:6.

All Christian churches agree on these fundamentals, but unfortunately there is always denominational conflict about the

peripheral and nonessential doctrines, ceremonies, rituals and forms of expressing and propagating Christianity.

Amidst this conflict, remember that you were called by Jesus Christ, and your principal responsibility is to FOLLOW HIM and HIS WORD. John 5:24

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." John 8:12.

When Jesus founded His Church, He intended that all who believe in Him should unite in one common love and bond to serve Him together *by serving others*; to love and to reach out together, as His Body, *to express His love and light and life to the world*; "until finally we all believe alike about our salvation and about our Savior, God's Son, and all become full-grown in the Lord — yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ.

"Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different... Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times — speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly — *and so become more and more in every way LIKE CHRIST* who is the Head of his body, the church." Ephesians 4:13-16 L.B.

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY of believers with whom you choose to *assemble*, to *pray*, to *worship* and to *serve with* will be of inestimable blessing and influence upon you and your household.

Your children will be taught in the ways of Christ. The company of fellow believers will be witnesses at Christian marriages in your family.

They will unite in prayer and faith with you when you are sick or suffering trials or crises.

They will support you and comfort you in times of bereavement.

They are your fellow believers.

They encourage and strengthen you.

They pray with and for you.

They share truth with you.

They worship with you.

They love you.

They offer you the greatest opportunity to express your own faith and love by serving and helping others in an organized way with them.

The fellowship you will enjoy is really a foretaste of heaven because you will spend eternity together with those who are true to their faith. If one does not love people and love to fellowship with them and serve and worship with them, he should check up and decide if he, really wants to go to heaven.

In essence, the Church of Jesus Christ - HIS BODY - constitutes the only feet and eyes and ears and arms Christ has here on earth. You are His Body so let Him LOVE through you. Let Him SEE human needs through your eyes. Let Him CARE about those needs through your heart of love. Let Him EXPRESS that love through your life. Let Him PROVE that love through your hands and feet and arms and all that you are and do.

The Church is YOU!

YOU are Christ's Body. He lives in you and expresses Himself and His love through you.

That, in essence, is THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Chapter 19: THE HEALER LIVES AT YOUR HOUSE

NOW THAT YOU have received Jesus Christ in your life in a personal, definite experience of SALVATION, I can tell you, upon the authority of the Bible, that THE *HEALER* NOW LIVES AT YOUR HOUSE.

Always remember that Jesus came to this world to show us God, and to demonstrate to us God's Will. "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God." *Hebrews 10:9*. "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 6:38.

He showed us that God is not a Killer, but rather a Life-Giver. John 10:10. He demonstrated to us that our Lord is not a Destroyer, but rather a Savior. Luke 9:56. He revealed to us that sickness emanates from Satan; St. Luke 13:11, 16; Mark 9:17-25; Matthew 12:22; Acts 10:38, that healing and loving compassion emanate from God. Matthew 9:35-36; Matthew 14:14; Matthew 20:34; Mark 1:40-41; Luke 7:12-15.

This compassionate, loving, healing Savior *now lives at your house*.

The Bible says of Him: "Who *forgiveth* all thine iniquities; who *healeth* all thy diseases." Psalm 103:3.

There are four records of His earthly ministry: They are the Gospels of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John. In all of these accounts there is no trace of a single person who ever came to Jesus asking for forgiveness or physical healing who was ever denied. Never once did He say or suggest that it was His Father's Will for the sinner to remain in sin or for the sufferer to remain sick. Never did He hint that the sin or sickness was a cross that must be borne, that it was a "blessing(?)" in disguise, that it was sent to teach some mysterious lesson, that the Father's Will was not to save or heal. NEVER! *And He came to SHOW US GOD'S WILL.*

What He did then, we can expect Him to do today because "Jesus Christ (is) the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

Repeatedly the records of the Gospel confirm that He always and everywhere was moved with compassion, and healed all who were sick. Matthew 8:16; Matthew 9:35; Matthew 12:15; Matthew 14:14; Matthew 15:30; Mark 6:55-56; Luke 4:40; Luke 6:19; Luke 9:11; John 2:23; John 6:2; Acts 10:38. That is His Will in YOUR LIFE.

He is your Savior.

He is also your Healer — your Physician. Exodus 15:26; Exodus 23:25.

(Get my book, *How to Enjoy Plenty*, and learn how God has abundantly provided for all of your *seven basic needs*. Physical healing is only one of them.)

At the beginning of this PART FOUR, I said, "THE FOURTH STEP TO RECEIVE *MIRACLE HEALING* IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT PHYSICAL HEALING IS A PART OF *SALVATION*."

When you prayed the prayer-Confession I suggested, and received Jesus Christ into your life by faith, HE CAME IN AND SET UP HIS ABODE WITH YOU, John 14:23. and now He wants to impart HIS ABUNDANT LIFE TO EVERY segment of your living — including your physical body. "That the life also of Jesus might be made manifest IN OUR MORTAL FLESH." 2 Corinthians 4:11

It would be selfish, and wrong if you accepted Him into your life ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING HEALED. While healing is part of His salvation which He imparts into your life, it would be wrong if you only accepted Him to benefit by His physical healing.

When my wife and I were married, I would have been disappointed if, after I had presented her with the little wedding ring she had

said, "Now I am through with you; I thank you for the ring. That was what I married you for." And so, Christ would be disappointed if you only received Him for the healing he would give you.

Christianity is a love affair between Christ and His Church, which is His Body, Ephesians 5:24-25.

PART 5: THE PRAYER

THE FIFTH STEP TO RECEIVE MIRACLE HEALING IS TO ASK THE LORD TO HEAL YOU ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISES AND TO BELIEVE THAT HE HEARS YOUR PRAYER.

Chapter 20: HE HEARS YOUR PRAYER

THE FIFTH STEP TO RECEIVE *MIRACLE HEALING* IS TO ASK *THE LORD* TO HEAL YOU ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISES AND TO BELIEVE THAT HE HEARS YOUR PRAYER.

TO PRAY with faith does not mean to beg and plead for healing. Remember, if you have accepted Christ as your personal Savior, then you are a child of God, and He is your Father. You are not a beggar. The Father wants you to come to Him as any child comes to its parents. Come with confidence.

Remember, that since He has promised to heal you, He wants to heal you. It is His pleasure to see you well, happy and strong, just as any parent desires the best for his child.

David says: "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him." Psalm 103:13. Do you enjoy seeing your children suffer? Neither does your Father enjoy seeing you suffer.

You are invited to "come *boldly* unto the throne of grace." Hebrews 4:16.

Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

Jesus invites you to pray: "Ask, and it shall be given *you* ... for *every one* that asketh receiveth." Matthew 7:7-8. He also promised: "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:14.

The Father invites you to pray: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee." Jeremiah 33:3.

Remember, "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and *his ears are open unto their prayers.*" 1 Peter 3:12.

So when you pray, asking Him to do what you know He has promised to do, *He hears your prayer*. Believe that! No prayer goes unheard when offered by His child with faith. He is interested in you, and it is His pleasure to hear and answer your petition.

John said, "This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will (or according to His promise), *HE HEARETH US*." 1 John 5:14. So, now that you know His promises, and you know He made them to you personally; now that you have received Christ into your life, ask Him to heal your body, as He has promised to do. Have confidence when you ask Him that HE HEARS YOU. John says, "And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRED OF HIM." 1 John 5:15. If you did not first know His promises, and know that they are YOURS personally, you would waver when you pray; but knowing they are YOURS, you have perfect confidence that your prayer — asking Him to do what He has promised to do — is *heard* and honored by Him.

Chapter 21: ASK AND RECEIVE

THERE IS NO greater blessing in following Christ than to LEARN TO PRAY AND TO GET AN ANSWER. God wants you, as His child, to come to Him with absolute confidence that whatever you need or desire, you can ask Him for it in simple prayer and faith, and it shall be done for you.

He made many marvelous promises — and they are for YOU — personally:

"Call unto ME, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3.

This is God's invitation to prayer and His promise to answer.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7. This is Christ's encouragement to prayer and His assurance that your prayers will be answered.

"EVERY ONE that asketh receiveth." Matthew 7:8.

This is His promise that *EVERY ONE in a million who asks SHALL receive*. In His mind, there is no such thing as unanswered prayer.

"He that seeketh findeth." Matthew 7:8.

"To him that knocketh it SHALL be opened." Matthew 7:8.

It is always His Will to answer prayer. That is His delight.

God invites you to pray —to ask. He is ALWAYS ready to answer.

When people do not pray, it is because they have no hope of an answer.

Unanswered prayers stand between people and their faith.

Some say: "I could have faith if I had not prayed so many prayers without receiving the answer." Or they say: "I used to have faith until I prayed so desperately for so-and-so, and the answer never came."

Many people blame God for unfaithfulness when they should blame themselves for not praying according to His Word.

Usually people do not accuse God of failing to do His part, but they harbor an inner confusion — a bewildered attitude toward prayer which has developed from repeatedly failing to get the answer. They have inwardly abandoned the hope of receiving what they ask for, so they abandon prayer altogether.

This amounts to a surrender of faith.

People who do not pray are frustrated in their faith.

Their hopes for an answer have been shattered too often. They have given up. Now *they continue only in the formalities of their religion. Reality has disappeared.*

When faith's light has gone out, life becomes a weary road.

Abandon faith and you must walk your road alone, for God cannot keep company with unbelief.

Fear and insecurity dominate the life where faith has been surrendered.

YOU need not lose hope and conclude that prayer is useless.

YOU can pray and receive the answer.

One of the most marvelous communions any person can enjoy with the Lord is *to ask and to receive.*

It is so wonderful, indeed, that those who have perhaps only received an answer to their prayers *once in a lifetime, remember that experience as long as they live.*

An old gentleman must dry the tears from his eyes as he relates the *one time in his life* (perchance years ago) when he cried out to God in a desperate hour and God heard his prayer and answered.

Yet our Heavenly Father invites us to enjoy this blessing *every day of our lives*.

YOU can enjoy this blessed privilege *TODAY*, and every day, throughout the rest of *YOUR* life.

But you must forget those unanswered prayers which are stacked away in the closets of your memory.

Forget the past. Maybe you failed then. Never mind. A host of other people did the same, and a host of them surrendered their future with those past failures, too.

But there is another group who, by an act of their own will, wrote those memories off as bad accounts and began life anew. They succeeded. They found happiness and God's abundance, too.

THE FOUNDATION FOR ANSWERED PRAYER IS TO REALIZE THAT THE ONLY REASON YOU CAN EXPECT ANY BLESSING FROM GOD IS THAT JESUS DIED TO PROVIDE THAT BLESSING.

You see, thousands of people pray *but never stop to see if what they ask for is provided by Christ's death*.

They want healing "because they have suffered so much," or "because they have been a good, sincere person," or "because they have been faithful to church," etcetera.

These reasons are no basis for receiving healing from Christ.

The only worthy foundation on which to base your faith for healing is: "Himself took *OUR* infirmities, and bare *OUR* sicknesses." Matthew 8:17. Certainly *HE* carried *OUR* diseases and suffered *OUR* pains ... and "with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4-5.

To get your prayers answered, you must depend entirely on the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ as the only grounds for any claim for blessing.

Whatever you pray for, understand that *CHRIST DIED TO PROVIDE IT AT THE CROSS.*

In His death for us, Christ provided every blessing man can desire or require.

When you pray, *look first to the Cross where the price was paid for the blessing you seek.*

Understand that since Christ died to provide the blessing, it belongs to you and *He wants you to have it.* Claim it, therefore, boldly!

You see, your needs are sevenfold. (Seven is the perfect, complete number in Holy Scripture.) God reveals Himself by seven Redemptive Names, showing His sevenfold nature which imparts His sevenfold blessings to our lives when we receive Him. Christ's death paid the full price for this sevenfold redemption. Everything we can require or desire is provided at the Cross.

ACCORDING TO the Scofield Reference Bible, page 7, item (4), under the commentary on Genesis 2:4, the SEVEN REDEEMPTIVE NAMES OF JEHOVAH are outlined.

God is our RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jehovah- tsidkenu). Jeremiah 23:6.

God is our PEACE (Jehovah-Shalom). Judges 6:23-24.

God is our GUIDE or SHEPHERD (Jehovah- raah). Psalm 23:1.

God is our PHYSICIAN or HEALER (Jehovah- rapha). Exodus 15:26.

God is our PROVIDER or SOURCE (Jehovah- jireh). Genesis 22:8.

God is EVER PRESENT (Jehovah-shammah). Ezekiel 48:35.

God is our VICTORY (Jehovah-nissi). Exodus 17:15.

These seven names reveal God's nature to mankind. Being "REDEPTIVE" names, they reveal the *redemptive blessings which He wills for EVERYONE*. There are NO EXCEPTIONS in Christ's *redemptive* work. God's *Redemptive Will* is *proven by Christ's death on the Cross*. All of this means that every blessing provided, by the death of Christ on the Cross is included in our REDEMPTION, and there can be no exceptions. They are ALL for "whosoever will"

The very foundation for receiving the answers to your prayers is to base your faith on the fact that Christ died to provide what you are asking for.

You cannot claim healing because you have been good, or faithful to church, or because you have suffered so long, or because your family needs you, or because you want to work for Him.

There is only one ground for claiming health from God: *Christ bore your diseases and suffered your pains and by His stripes your healing was provided freely*. Isaiah 53:4-5.

This is a legal basis for your claim. You are God's child. He provided your health by carrying away your diseases. He wants you to be well. Health, therefore, belongs to you. It is paid for and is offered freely. You have a legal right to this blessing. It awaits your claim just like an amount of money deposited to your credit in the bank.

The fact that Christ died to provide your health makes it unnecessary for you to suffer disease. It makes it unjust and illegal for Satan to inflict disease on your body. He has no right to inflict on your body *what God laid on Jesus for you*. Resist the oppressor steadfastly in faith. 1 Peter 5:9. Claim your health on the basis of Christ's bearing away your diseases. Matthew 8:17. Refuse to bear the curse of sickness because Christ was made a curse for you and took your sicknesses. Galatians 3:13.

See your healing as a part of your redemption. Understand that it is deposited to your account. Above all, realize that Christ *SUFFERED*

so that you might have it.

Sickness is of the devil. Job 2:7; Luke 13:11, 16; 21 Acts 10:38. It is a curse. Deuteronomy 28:15-19; Deuteronomy 28:27-28; Deuteronomy 28:59-61; Galatians 3:13. It is not natural. It is a killer. It came because of the Fall of Man in the Garden of Eden. It never came from God. Satan brought it.

When God redeemed man from the Fall, the salvation provided by Christ included deliverance from sin and its effects. Sickness is part of the effect of sin in the human race. Psalm 103:3.

When Christ bore our sins and put them away, 1 Peter 2:24. He also bore our sicknesses and put them away. Isaiah 53:4-5. He suffered in our stead. He redeemed us. He set us free by bearing the punishment we deserved. Romans 5:8; Romans 6:6.

We deserved to die in our sins. Christ died in our stead, being made sin for us. 2 Corinthians 5:21.

We deserved to suffer disease. Christ carried our diseases and suffered our pains for us, and by His stripes we were healed. Isaiah 53:4-5.

MAKE CHRIST'S DEATH YOUR ONLY ARGUMENT - THE ONLY BASIS FOR CLAIMING ANY BLESSING.

WHEN HE PAID SUCH AN AWFUL PRICE TO PROVIDE THE BLESSINGS AND GIFTS YOU NEED, NO OTHER POINT IS WORTHY OF MENTIONING BEFORE HIM.

Your needs are sevenfold. God's nature is seven- fold. Christ's provision is sevenfold. *Redemption is sevenfold.*

Let us look at God's SEVENFOLD FULL-LIFE POLICY. Let us see what you have a right to.

YOU NEED FORGIVENESS and RIGHTEOUSNESS because you feel condemnation. Sins loom up before you. They haunt you every time you need God's help and accuse you of unworthiness. You falter and waver every time the devil passes them across your mind. They hinder you every time you think of praying. You have become desperate. You must have them out of the way forever. You want His righteousness, His forgiveness; you want the question of your sins settled forever.

PROVISION: Christ "His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24. God "made him (Christ) who knew no sin to become sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21. "The LORD (is) our righteousness." Jeremiah 23:6. Jesus became your righteousness by bearing your sins on the Cross; therefore, "the gift of righteousness" Romans 5:17, is yours now; Jesus paid for it. Your sins can no longer condemn you, for Christ put them away forever. Satan has no right to accuse you by reminding you of them in your hours of crisis, for they are carried away as far as the east is removed from the west. Psalm 103:12. They are gone. Christ paid for every one of them. The penalty has been suffered. The payment has been made. You are free! John 8:36.

BASIS FOR FAITH: Christ was made sin with your sins and bore the punishment which you deserved.

That is the ONLY reason you can claim exemption or forgiveness for your sins and live free from condemnation.

PRAYER — When you seek forgiveness or righteousness:

Lord, I understand that Jesus took my sins to the Cross; His blood was shed for their remission. I confess and forsake them. I am forgiven. Christ suffered my penalty. I am saved. He gives me His righteousness. I accept it as a free gift by faith. I am free from my sins. They are paid for. Christ took them to the Cross.

YOU NEED PEACE because you are upset. Your soul is in turmoil. You feel uneasy and tense; accused and condemned. You need things settled in your soul. You are restless and tormented. You MUST have peace.

PROVISION: The Lord is our peace. Judges 6:24. Jesus says: "My peace I give unto you." John 14:27. This is yours. Jesus died to provide it because "the chastisement of our peace was upon him" Isaiah 53:5, when He "made peace through the blood of his cross." Colossians 1:20. Satan has no right to rob you of this heritage. Christ died under the anguish of your sins that you might have His peace.

BASIS FOR FAITH: Christ endured the Cross, bearing your chastisement, to give you peace. That is the ONLY reason you can claim His peace and refuse all inner conflict.

PRAYER — When you seek His peace:

Lord, You bore my chastisement and made peace by the blood of the Cross; I claim Thy peace in my soul. Nothing can upset, condemn or accuse me because when Your blood was shed, my sins were removed forever, and no longer can enmity exist between us. I claim that peace NOW! It is mine! The conflict ended at the Cross. My account was settled. Now I have Thy peace forever.

YOU NEED GUIDANCE because you fear being misled. You think you might be deceived so you are troubled and cautious, fearful and hesitant. You are asking for His guidance, but you are not sure. You waver. You MUST have Him leading you.

PROVISION: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Psalm 37:23. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. "The LORD is my SHEPHERD." Psalm 23:1. Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice ... and they follow me; a stranger will they not follow." John 10:27; John 10:5. He has become your Guide. You can be sure. He paid for the privilege of leading you by giving "His life for the sheep." John 10:11. His death opened the way for you to be His and to follow Him.

BASIS FOR FAITH: Christ gave His life to become your Shepherd. That is the ONLY reason you can claim His guidance and be assured that you will never go, or be led, astray.

PRAYER — When you seek His guidance:

Lord, You are my Shepherd. I follow You. I know Your voice. You gave Your life for me. I can never be misled for I have You as my guiding Shepherd.

YOU NEED HEALING because you are suffering from pain or disease, weakness or sickness. You are in desperate need of God's healing power. You are praying for deliverance.

PROVISION: Christ paid for your perfect and complete healing when HE DIED ON THE CROSS. He is the "LORD that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26. He "healeth all thy diseases." Psalm 103:3. He paid for your healing when He carried your diseases and suffered your pains, taking the stripes by which ye were healed. Isaiah 53:4-5. It is finished now. John 19:30. Your health is paid for. Your diseases were laid on Him; He took them away forever. Healing belongs to you now. It is a gift. It is yours. *Satan has no right to lay on you what God laid on Jesus at the Cross.*

BASIS FOR FAITH: Christ suffered your diseases and carried them for you in His death. That is the ONLY reason perfect healing belongs to you and you have a right to claim health in His Name.

PRAYER — When you seek healing:

Lord, You laid my diseases and my pains on Jesus and He carried them away for me in His death. Since He suffered them for me, I need never suffer them. I am free; I am healed. I count the Scriptures true which say that He bore them for me. I claim my health now.

YOU ARE IN NEED. *You face impossibilities. You are desperate. The devil torments you. You cry and beg. You fear. You are asking God to supply because He alone is your SOURCE.*

PROVISION: "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. God reveals Himself as the great Provider. In a type of Calvary, He promised to Abraham: "The LORD will provide." Genesis 22:8. He did provide everything you could require or desire when at the Cross He

provided complete redemption. Since Christ died for you, "How shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

"All things are yours; ... and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." 1 Corinthians 3:21, 23.

BASIS FOR FAITH: Christ emptied Himself upon the altar of the Cross to give you all God possesses. That is the ONLY reason He supplies all of your needs and you need never suffer the fear of lack.

PRAYER — When you are in need:

Lord, You gave Jesus to die in my stead. His death made me Your child. When You gave Jesus for me, You also freely gave me all things. All You have is, therefore, mine. I claim what my present needs require, because Jesus died so that I could enjoy fullness and plenty.

You NEED GOD'S PRESENCE because you are lonely. You feel far from God. You need Him with you. You feel helpless and insecure. You need a Friend who will be closer to you than a brother.

PROVISION: "The LORD is there" (or present). Ezekiel 48:35. He says: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5. This blessing is provided through Christ's death, for we were "made nigh by the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13. It is he who left us with his promise: "Lo, I am with you always." Matthew 28:20.

BASIS FOR FAITH: Christ shed His blood to bring you to God.

That is the ONLY reason you can claim God's presence with you and be assured that you are never alone or helpless. HE is your Friend.

Christ made you nigh to Him. HE IS THERE!

PRAYER — When you ask for His presence: Lord, I know that Christ made me nigh to Thee by His blood. He put away all my sins. Therefore, I can rest secure with Your presence near me. His blood is the proof that I am nigh to Thee. I depend on Thy presence for You are with me always. I am not alone. You are by my side.

YOU NEED VICTORY because you are in a battle. You are fighting the enemy. You falter under his blows and you fear defeat. You are praying desperately for help from the Lord. You need victory in your battle.

PROVISION: The Lord is our Banner or Victor or Captain. Exodus 17:15. It was, when by the Cross Christ triumphed over principalities and powers, Colossians 2:15, that He provided for us the privilege of shouting: "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57. His death conquered every foe. He has delivered you from the power of darkness, and has translated you into the kingdom of his dear Son. Colossians 1:13. His death signaled your eternal victory. Satan will never challenge the Cross. He was defeated there.

BASIS FOR FAITH: Christ died to conquer Satan and to triumph over his kingdom of demons. That is the ONLY reason you need never fear demons and can claim victory in every battle.

PRAYER — When you seek victory:

Lord, I know that Jesus triumphed over Satan and all principalities. He arose the Victor. His victory is my victory. I claim my rights. I stand by faith. I raise my hands in triumph. My battle was won at the Cross. I fear no more. I rest in His triumph. My battle was decided there! Satan was defeated. Christ is the winner. My battle is over! AMEN!

THE GREATEST TRAGEDY in Christendom today is that people do not understand the substitutionary fact of Christ's death.

He did not die for Himself. He died for YOU.

He did not carry His own sin away. He put YOUR sin away.

He did not conquer and triumph over Satan for Himself. He did it for YOU.

He did not shed His blood so that He could be near God. You are made nigh by the blood of the Cross.

He did not empty Himself on the altar of the Cross to supply His own needs. He did it for YOU so that you could enjoy all that God possesses and never suffer lack.

He did not have disease of His own. He took YOUR diseases away and healed YOU.

The Cross is not Heaven's triumph over Satan. It is YOUR triumph over Satan.

God did not need victory over Satan. You had sinned. YOU needed redemption. In order for God to deal justly with Satan and provide YOU a JUST REDEMPTION, He gave His Son and required that He suffer all of the punishment YOU deserved; all of the consequences

Satan intended to pour out on his new slave — mankind. Jesus took all that on Himself, FOR YOU. Then He arose triumphant, IN YOUR STEAD. Colossians 2:12-13; Colossians 3:1-2. His victory was for YOU. YOU are now redeemed. YOU are free from sin. YOU are the conqueror. YOU have peace now. YOU have no lack now. YOU are healed now.

When you approach God in prayer, do not come as a beggar. You are His child.

You will not receive these blessings Christ died to provide if you ignore the Cross and His suffering which paid for them.

That is why I impress upon you: *THE FOUNDATION FOR ANSWERED PRAYER IS TO REALIZE THAT THE ONLY REASON YOU CAN EXPECT ANY BLESSING FROM GOD IS THAT JESUS DIED TO PROVIDE THAT BLESSING.*

Since it is provided in His death, then it is YOURS.

Chapter 22: PRAYER FOR HEALING

Now THAT YOU REALIZE where sickness came from and that it is not the Will of the loving, Heavenly Father that His children suffer, it is time to approach Him in humility and in faith. Remember that He invites you:

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee." Jeremiah 33:3

"Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24.

"For *every one* that asketh receiveth." Matthew 7:8. The reason you can call on the Lord right now and be healed of your physical infirmities and diseases, is that *Jesus Christ Himself suffered all of them for you*. He did it willingly, as your substitute, so that you could be healed of them.

He took upon Himself all the physical consequences of *your* sinful nature so that He could come into *your* life, as your PHYSICAL HEALER, and as *your* spiritual Savior.

So, right now, pray this prayer:

Dear LORD:

I thank You for Your announcement that You are the Lord, my HEALER. I'm thankful to know that Your plan for my redemption includes PHYSICAL HEALING.

Before I understood that sickness and disease, suffering and pain resulted from that first sin and rebellion of Adam and Eve, I presumed that there was no escape from the ever-present threat of physical disease in my life.

I knew that in spite of the wonders of modern medical science, our world is still full of sickness, suffering and crippling diseases.

Now I know that this is all the outgrowth of sin and evil in the heart of man. I now understand that man's fallen nature is so full of cunning deceit, rebellion, violence and hatred that it has affected his entire person. Humanity has known nothing but destruction and deterioration of mind, spirit and body.

I marvel that You did not leave humanity in bondage to Satan. After I had rebelled against You and violated Your laws of Life, I deserved to die. Oh, what love You manifested toward me in sending Your innocent Son to be the propitiation for my sins! Romans 3:24-25.

WHY DID YOU love me so much? There was nothing in my nature that merited Your favor.

Thank You for your Infinite Love for me, when I was not worth loving.

Sin had taken its awful toll in my life so that my physical body was totally vulnerable to every kind of disease and sickness conceived by the devil to torture me and to destroy my usefulness.

Now I understand that Jesus not only suffered the full punishment of all my sins, but He also bore all the consequences of my sinful nature.

Now I know that He, of a certainty, took upon Himself all my diseases and suffered all my pains - my PHYSICAL diseases and pains, so that I could be completely healed.

His physical body was tortured. He was beaten beyond recognition. "His visage was so marred more than any other man." Isaiah 52:14. His back was striped. When they beat Him, "they plowed his back: they made long their furrows." Psalm 129:3. He was bruised and torn. Isaiah 53:5. Now I know that all my sicknesses were laid on Him. He suffered them for me so that I could be free!

Now I UNDERSTAND what Jesus did for me in His great love. I thank You, Lord, for sending me this message of Good News. I do believe it and I accept it.

Dear Lord Jesus, I respond to Your love. I accept You into my life and I receive Your miracle life in me, here and now.

I understand that all sickness as well as sin has the same evil source - Satan, the great Deceiver. I turn away from him with total resolution, and I welcome the presence and peace, life and health of my Lord into my life.

You bore my sins and my diseases. Now I am free of them. When You suffered my sicknesses, "by your stripes I was healed." Isaiah 53:5; Peter 2:24.

The grace and life of Jesus Christ which now abide in me, heal me of all sin and disease. I am saved! I am healed! I am free!

I now understand that Satan has lost all dominion over me. Therefore, no sin can dominate or condemn me, and no sickness has the right to dwell in my body which has now become the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

OH. JESUS, YOU ARE LORD! Your life is mine. Your health is mine. I am saved and I am healed. Every symptom of my old life - my old sins and mistakes, my old pains and sicknesses must now disappear, because the life and power of Christ are healing and making me whole NOW.

From today, I shall ENJOY PLENTY OF HEALTH, because You are my life, my all. You are with me and in me NOW!

Thank You, Lord. Amen!

PART 6: THE FAITH

THE SIXTH STEP TO RECEIVE MIRACLE HEALING IS TO BELIEVE WHEN YOU PRAY THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED WHAT YOU ASKED FOR. THIS STEP, WE CALL FAITH.

Chapter 23: EXPECT TO RECEIVE

THE SIXTH STEP TO RECEIVE *MIRACLE HEALING* IS TO BELIEVE WHEN YOU PRAY THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED WHAT YOU ASKED FOR. THIS STEP WE CALL *FAITH*.

MANY PRAY years for blessings which God has promised, but they will not believe that they have received the answer until they can feel and see it. This is not faith.

Faith means that you are convinced that what God promised, and what you asked for, is yours; that you have received it, (even before you have received it, even before you can see or feel it). That faith is based on God's promise alone.

It is here that your natural mind and your faith fight their greatest battles.

Here is the battleground of your reason and God's Word.

You pray for healing, but sometimes the answer is not instantly manifested. You still feel the pain and the fever. God's Word declares that "by his stripes you are healed." Isaiah 53:5; Peter 2:24. Reason says the disease is still there. It is here that you must abandon your reason and believe God's Word; you do not give attention to what you see and feel, you attend only to what God says in His Word.

The Bible says: "Attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are *life* unto those that find them, and *health to all their flesh*." Proverbs 4:20-22.

You are here instructed to keep your *mind*, your *ears*, your *eyes* and your *heart* occupied with God's promise alone. This excludes all

time for fear, unbelief and discouragement. Do this and His Word will produce health in all your flesh. God sends His Word and heals you. Psalm 107:20.

God has equipped every person with five natural senses. They are *hearing, tasting, smelling, feeling* and *seeing*. They are NATURAL, and are given to us to govern us in this natural world.

But God has also planted in the heart of every man a measure of FAITH. Romans 12:3.

Our five senses are *natural*, but our faith is *spiritual or supernatural*.

It is through our five senses that we gain knowledge, but it is *not* through our senses that we know God. We know God through our FAITH. "We walk by FAITH, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7.

Our senses are not the faculties through which we are to know God and receive His blessings. Many who pray do not believe they have received the answer if they cannot feel or see it. They have not learned what faith is.

There are three attitudes with which people regard God's written Word:

1. *They "AGREE" that it is true.* They see the Word. They admire it and read it. They memorize whole chapters of it and quote it. They love it and respect it.

They say: "It is true, but not in my case. I don't understand why I cannot receive its promised blessings, but I know the Word is true. It is a wonderful Book. I love it so!" But that is as far as they go; they will not ACT ON THE WORD.

2. *They "BELIEVE" it when they "FEEL" it.* You will hear them say: "I never received healing when they prayed for me, but I did receive

a great blessing." Or — "Oh, I'm sure I am being healed; I FEEL so much improved." Others will say: "I FELT something when I prayed, so I believe God heard me." Or they will say, "Oh, I have prayed so often, but I never FEEL anything." *They will believe only if they see or feel.* This is never faith.

3. *They BELIEVE GOD'S WORD. THEY ACT ON HIS WORD.* These are the people who have genuine faith. You hear them say:

"If God says it, then it is TRUE!" Numbers 23:19; Joshua 23:14; 1 Kings 8:56; Isaiah 38:7; Isaiah 55:11; Ezekiel 12:25; Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:25.

"If God's Word says, 'By his stripes I am healed,' then I AM HEALED!" Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24.

"If God promises to supply all my needs, then HE WILL!" Philippians 4:19.

"If God says that he is the strength of my life, then HE IS!" Psalm 27:1.

THEY ALWAYS ACT ACCORDINGLY. You will hear them say:

"God is what He says He is!"

"I am what God's Word says I am!"

"I have what God says I have!"

"I can do what He says I can do!"

"God will do what His Word says He will do!" AND THEY ACT ON THAT BASIS, utterly depending on the integrity of His Word. For them, God watches over his word "to perform it," Jeremiah 1:12, to see that not one Word fails. HOPE says, "I'll have the blessing some day!" THE AGREER says, "It's wonderful. I should have it, but I can't seem to get it. I don't understand it!"

THE SENSES say, "When I feel it, and see it, I'll know I have it."

FAITH says, "I have it now! It is written! It is mine! Praise the Lord!"

Real faith rests entirely on "Thus saith the Word." Faith is independent of our natural senses. Faith is the reality of what the senses register as nothing.

There is a continual battle between our senses and our faith. Galatians 5:16-17.

Our senses war and revolt against God's Word. They argue and fight, saying it is not so because it cannot yet be felt and seen.

But faith calmly declares: "It is written! God's Word declares it, so it is true!"

To walk by faith means to give God's Word the preeminence over our senses. 2 Corinthians 5:7.

To walk by sight means to give our senses the preeminence over God's Word.

Faith is God's way; it is contrary to man's way. God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." Isaiah 55:8.

God's way is for you to keep your mind, your ears, your eyes and your heart occupied with His Word while He brings it to pass.

Man's way is to keep his mind on the disease, his ears tuned to those who tell him to be careful, his eyes on the symptoms and his heart filled with fear and discouragement.

But God's order for making His Words "health to all our flesh" is to give all of our attention to His Word ONLY; to believe it and to confess it even when symptoms contradict it.

God's very first call to the natural man, in coming to Him, is to forsake his "ways and thoughts." Isaiah 55:7. God "calleteth those

things which be not as though they were.” Romans 4:17. He pronounced the blind man healed while he was still blind, and he received his sight. Luke 18:42. He declared the lepers cleansed while the disease was still apparent, and as they went away they were healed. Luke 17:12-19. At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus prayed: "Father, I thank thee that thou *hast heard* me." John 11:41. He knew God had heard His prayer for Lazarus to be raised, even while he was still dead. That was faith.

Faith means that we believe God has already done what we asked Him to do, even before we see it happen. *We believe it is done, not because we see it done, but because God's Word declares it is done.* In this way, we also "call those things which be not as though they were." Romans 4:17.

Jesus tells us exactly how to pray and receive the answer. Having promised all that we need, He says: "What things soever ye desire, *when ye pray* (not after you pray twenty years, not after you get well, but while you are sick — *when ye pray*), *believe that ye receive them*, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. I believe that this is one of the most important Scriptures in the Bible on prayer and faith. Notice: "WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM."

I called your attention to the order of prayer and faith because most people have this reversed. They think it should be this way: "What things soever ye desire, pray for them, and when you *see* and *feel* them, *then believe that you have received them.*" This is the way of the natural man who says: "Seeing is believing."

But God reverses the natural order and says: "*Believing is seeing.*"

David said, "I believed to see." Psalm 27:13. He did not say, "I had to see before I would believe." And God said of him, "I have found David a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will," Acts 13:22, thus proving that "without faith it is impossible to please (God)," Hebrews 11:6, but by faith we can obtain a good report before him. Hebrews 11:2.

The natural man rebels and argues: *"If I cannot feel it, I will not believe it."* This is not God's way, and nowhere can this attitude be supported by the Scriptures. Thomas said, "Except I shall see ... I will not believe," John 20:25, and this attitude did not please Christ. John 20:29.

God's way is: *"Believe you receive it when you pray, and YOU SHALL HAVE IT!"* His condition is to believe that He answers your prayers *when you pray*.

When you pray for healing, God authorizes you to consider your prayer answered. And this is true when you pray for any other blessing which He has promised and which Christ has provided. (Read my book, *How to Enjoy Plenty*, and discover the wealth of God's seven redemptive blessings.)

Learn to get your believing in the right position. Man puts it *after* he sees and feels the answer; Christ places it *before* you see and feel the answer.

When God's Word is the ONLY reason for believing that your prayer is answered, *that is faith*.

God has not promised to begin your healing until AFTER you believe that He has heard your prayer. Since this is true, believe that your prayer is heard when you really pray. "We know that we have the petition we desire of him," 1 John 5:15, not because we see the answer, but because God is "faithful ... who also will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24.

In every healing there are three witnesses:

1. *THE WORD*, which declares, "By his stripes ye were healed."
2. *THE PAIN*, which declares that sickness is not healed.

3. *THE SICK PERSON*, who declares, "By his stripes I am healed," Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24, placing his testimony alongside the Word of God. He refuses to take his testimony back. He declares in the face of pain and symptoms, "*I am healed because God says so!*" Then he remembers the Scripture: "Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he (God) is faithful that promised." Hebrews 10:23. He maintains his confession of God's Word, that he is healed, and God makes it good because He said, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." Psalm 89:34. God says, "My word ... shall not return unto me void." Isaiah 55:11.

"And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." Revelation 12:11. In other words, they overcame the enemy *first*, on the ground of being saved — a child of God redeemed through the blood of Christ, and *second*, by confessing the WORD OF GOD in their testimony.

When, after you have prayed for healing, Satan tells you that you will not get well, say to him, "It is written, I 'shall recover;' Mark 16:18, the Lord shall raise me up!" James 5:15. The Word of God in your confession will defeat the Adversary.

When Satan tempted Christ in the wilderness, all the devil heard from Him was, "It is written!" "It is written!" Matthew 4:4, 7, 10. The result: "Then the devil leaveth him." Matthew 4:11.

Christ's way of resisting and overcoming Satan was by confessing the written Word. Since His way is best, let us follow His example, and not try another way. "Neither give place to the devil." Ephesians 4:27. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7.

Genuine faith in God's Word is more than believing only what you can *see* and *feel*. Genuine faith means that you are so convinced of God's promises that you believe them *even in the face of contrary evidence*.

Too many have the wrong idea of the nature of faith. They think it means a vigorous exercise of the mind; that one must strain and worry in order to grasp God's blessings. They say, "*I have all the faith in the world, but until I see some change, I don't believe I am healed. I refuse to claim something I do not have. I believe if a person is healed he will know it.*" This person has the wrong idea of the nature of faith.

Faith for healing is exactly the same as faith for salvation. The Bible teaches that a sinner is to *believe that he is saved*, and *confess his salvation boldly*, on the basis of God's promise *alone*, even *before he feels* the joy of forgiveness. The joy will come, if he will only believe and claim the gift of salvation by faith. *He must believe - on the authority of God's Word alone - that he is saved.* THIS IS FAITH! THIS IS GOD'S WAY TO SAVE LOST SOULS! AND THIS IS ALSO GOD'S WAY TO HEAL SICK BODIES AND TO FULFILL ANY OF HIS REDEMPITIVE PROMISES.

The Bible teaches that the sick must believe that they are healed, regardless of how they *feel*; they must *believe* that they are healed *on the basis of God's promise alone*. They must *claim*, the blessing of healing by faith, *confess* it boldly, and the joy of healing will come. They must not doubt if symptoms do not disappear immediately. They must stand firm on God's Word. It will be fulfilled. 1 Kings 8:56; Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 24:35.

This is just as right for healing for the body as it is for healing for the soul. In fact, this is God's way of bringing about the fulfillment of any promise He has made to us.

To learn how to believe that God hears and answers you when you pray is a much greater blessing than the healing itself, because you can pray the prayer of faith scores of times for yourself and for others, and your whole life can be spent knowing the unspeakable joy of having God answer your prayers and fulfill His promises for you.

Chapter 24: HOW YOUR WORDS AFFECT YOUR FAITH

REMEMBER THAT YOUR faith can never rise higher than your *confession*. The promises of God become real and living only as we *confess* them. *To enjoy the Christian life, you must learn the value of God's Word on your lips.*

You cannot talk contrary to God's Word and win His blessings.

Your words are your standard of faith. They express what you really believe.

Did you realize that multitudes of people fail in life because they *talk* failure. They fear failure. They REALLY BELIEVE in failure.

Your life will ALWAYS go to the level of your words. This is one of the simplest facts of life, yet the principle is practiced by only a few. That is why only a small number of people are really successful.

Most practice *talking* defeat and *thinking* defeat — *then* THEY FAIL.

The Bible has MUCH to say about your words. It constantly warns against negativism and unbelief.

It abounds with exciting examples of those who speak faith.

When you *talk* right, you train yourself to *think* right and to *act* right.

Get this fact straight: *You will not - you cannot - rise above your own words. If you talk defeat, fear, failure, anxiety, sickness and unbelief, you will live on that level. You, nor anyone else, no matter how clever, will ever live above the standard of your conversation.* This principle is unalterable.

If your conversation is foolish, trifling, impractical and disorganized, your life is invariably the same way.

With your words, you constantly paint a public picture of your inner self.

Jesus said: "Out of the abundance of the heart, *the mouth speaketh.*"
Matthew 12:34.

YOU TALK WHAT YOU BELIEVE. If your talk is careless, foul, negative or confusing, it's because your heart is that way.

If you talk disease, fear, anxiety and frustration, your words are painting the true picture of what you really believe.

If your heart and mind are filled with God's Word, you will talk that Word.

Your confession is your real faith talking.

There is no believing that does not express itself in confession.

Jesus demanded that you not only believe on Him but that you CONFESS HIM BEFORE MEN. Matthew 10:32.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT to say what God says.

SCRIPTURE REPETITIONS

If God has said it in His Word, then you can confess it, knowing that God will make it good.

That is what is meant by these verses: *"For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper."* Hebrews 13:5-6. Notice: *"For HE hath said ... so that WE may boldly say."*

It is because of what "HE HATH SAID" that "WE MAY BOLDLY SAY."

Because He hath said, "The LORD hath pleasure in the PROSPERITY of his servants," Psalm 35:27, and "Wealth and riches shall be in his house," Psalm 112:3, we may boldly say, "Yes, Lord, You take pleasure in blessing me with PLENTY. You are the Source of all wealth and riches and You do will them for my house."

Because He hath said, "I am the LORD that healeth thee," Exodus 15:26, we may boldly say, "Yes, Lord, you are the Lord who healeth me."

Let no thoughts dwell in your mind that contradict what *"He hath said."* You *"boldly say,"* and *think* the same things.

Instead of fearing disease or being frustrated by the threat of illness, *boldly say, "The Lord healeth me."* Believe it. Read it. Ponder it until your heart overflows with it. Your faith will confess it *"boldly."* You are sure. God confirms it.

Because He hath said, "With his stripes we are healed," Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24, we may boldly say, "Yes, Lord, with Your stripes I am healed now."

Meditate on it. Let your heart flow over with it.

Confess it boldly. Act on it. Because God said it, you may boldly say it and God will make it so.

God says of His own Word: "For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass ... The word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD." Ezekiel 12:25, 28.

You can count on God's Word being good. It cannot fail without God failing.

THE WORD IS GOD SPEAKING. It reveals the Mind and Will of God. It is alive. It abides forever. It shall never pass away. It is a part of God Himself. God cannot fail, so His Word cannot fail.

Jesus said, "The scripture cannot be broken." John 10:35. God said, "*My word ... that goeth forth out of my mouth ... shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish ... the thing whereto I sent it.*" Isaiah 55:11.

BECAUSE GOD HATH SPOKEN, *therefore, we may boldly say the same thing, and be absolutely certain that we shall have it.*

Because He hath said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," John 10:10, we may boldly say, "I have that abundant life dwelling in me now, because I have received Jesus Christ."

Because He hath said, "Seek first the expansion of God's kingdom worldwide and all these things shall be added unto you," Matthew 6:33 R.V., we may boldly say, "Everything I need in life is mine, from Christ, because I am involved in God's NUMBER ONE JOB of Soulwinning."

Because He hath said, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31, we may boldly say, "God is for me and no one can succeed against me."

Because He hath said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth," 3 John 2, we may boldly say, "I have a right to prosperity and health because I am prospering in my soul."

Because He hath said, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God," Isaiah 41:10, we may boldly say, "I am no longer afraid because God is with me now all the time."

Because He hath said, "The LORD shall command the blessing upon ... all that thou settest thine hand unto ... and he shall make thee plenteous in goods," Deuteronomy 28:8, 11, we may boldly say, "God is blessing what I do and I shall succeed and prosper in whatever I put my hand to, because God cannot fail to back up His Word."

Because He hath said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," John 8:32, we may boldly say, "I am set free for I know His blessed truth." Because He hath said, "Let the weak say, I am strong," Joel 3:10, we may boldly say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." Philippians 4:13.

Because He hath said, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:19, we may boldly say, "God knows every need I face and He is now supplying for those needs, and my supply is only limited by the riches of Christ Jesus."

Because He hath said, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," James 4:7, we may boldly say, "The devil is fleeing from me, for I am steadfastly resisting him in Jesus' Name."

Because He hath said, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses," Matthew 8:17, we may boldly say, "I am free from weakness and disease because they were all carried by Jesus Christ for me." Because He hath said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father," Matthew 10:32, we may boldly say, "Jesus is confessing me right now to the Father because I am confessing Him before men."

Because He hath said, "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you," Romans 8:11, we may boldly say, "God is quickening my mortal body now by the very same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, because His Spirit dwells in me; thus I am free from weakness and sickness."

Because He hath said, "They that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing," Psalm 34:10, we may boldly say, "God cannot allow me to lack any good thing. He takes care of my every need, because I do seek Him with all my heart."

Because He hath said, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind," 2 Timothy 1:7, we may boldly say, "I am free from all fear, for my God hath given me power, love, and a sound mind."

Because He hath said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down ... running over," Luke 6:38, we may boldly say, "The Lord is heaping up my blessings, for I am giving unto Him and to His work."

Because He hath said, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," Mark 16:18, we may boldly say, "When I lay hands on the sick, they are recovering because I am acting on His Word."

Because He hath said, "In my name shall they cast out devils," Mark 16:17, we may boldly say, "Devils are going out because I have commanded them to go in Jesus' Name."

Because He hath said, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him," Isaiah 59:19, we may boldly say, "God's Spirit is raising a mighty standard of defense in my behalf at the very time the enemy is heaping his pressure on me. Praise the Lord, my case is His!" Because He hath said, "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee," Daniel 6:16, we may boldly say, "God is my Deliverer in every case, because I constantly serve Him."

Because He hath said, "Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits," Psalm 68:19, we may boldly say, "I praise You, Lord, because You are filling my life with Your abundance of blessings and good things."

Because He hath said, "The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him ... in truth," Psalm 145:18, we may boldly say, "The Lord is near to me now, because I call upon Him."

Because He hath said, "The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace," Exodus 14:14, we may boldly say, "I know God is fighting for me because I am holding my peace. I have committed my battle into His hands."

Because He hath said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Philippians 4:13, we may boldly say, "Nothing is impossible for the Lord and me because He lives in me and it is He who is doing the work — even now."

Because He hath said, "Ye shall serve the LORD, your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee," Exodus 23:25, we may boldly say, "Sickness is taken away from me; my bread and my water are blessed, because I am serving the Lord my God."

Because He hath said, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear," Isaiah 65:24, we may boldly say, "The Lord is answering my prayer even now as I pray; in fact He was already working on the answer before I prayed."

Because He hath said, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us," Romans 8:37, we may boldly say, "I am a conqueror; I am a winner, because Christ who loved me is in me now and no evil can defeat Him who lives in me."

Because He hath said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever," Hebrews 13:8, we may boldly say,

"The Lord will do as much for me today as He ever did for anyone else, because He is unchanged." *Because He hath said, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee," Matthew 8:13, we may boldly say, "I can be on my way; I have prayed and believed; the answer will come just as I am expecting."*

Because He hath said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus," Romans 8:1, we may boldly say, "I am forever free from all guilt and condemnation before God because I am living in Christ Jesus now."

MAKE God's Word the standard for your life. Train yourself to say what He says. Sooner than you can imagine, your life will rise to the level of His Word in your heart and on your lips.

God is in His Word. When you confess it, He makes it good. You become the master of every circumstance because God is on your side. *You are aligning yourself on the side of His Word.* He takes your part, to confirm His Word, and your enemy goes down in defeat.

Because He hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" ...we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper." Hebrews 13:5-6. For "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

Because He hath spoken, we know we can declare it boldly. It will be as He hath said, because, "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised." 1 Kings 8:56.

PART 7: THE ACTION

THE SEVENTH STEP TO RECEIVE MIRACLE HEALING IS TO PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER AND TO ACT ON HIS PROMISE.

Chapter 25: THE PROOF OF FAITH THAT WINS

THE SEVENTH STEP TO RECEIVE *MIRACLE HEALING* IS TO PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER AND TO ACT ON HIS PROMISE.

If YOU BELIEVE that God has answered your prayer and that you "HAVE RECEIVED" Mark 11:24, the healing you asked for, you will automatically want to (1) *thank Him for it*, and (2) *use your health by putting it into ACTION*.

Abraham "gave glory to God" Romans 4:20, for the fulfillment of God's promise to him, long before the answer was manifested. He praised God because he was "strong in faith" Romans 4:20, and because he "believed" that it would be according to that which was spoken" Romans 4:18 — that "what he (God) had promised, he was able to perform." Romans 4:21.

Therefore, he could PRAISE THE LORD for the answer *even before he could see and feel it*. He believed God's Word.

Jonah "sacrificed with the voice of thanksgiving," Jonah 2:9, for deliverance from the whale's belly, *even before it vomited him up*.

Joshua and his people shouted praise unto the Lord for delivering the city of Jericho into their hands even *while the walls were still standing*. Joshua 6:10, 16. They believed God's promise, they praised Him for it, they acted their faith and marched around the city. As they praised and marched, the walls fell down flat and the victory was theirs. Joshua 6:1-20.

Not to praise God for your healing which He has promised, and for which you have asked Him, would prove that either you do not believe that you "have received" it, or that you are not thankful to Him for it.

David says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Hebrews 13:15.

Not only does genuine faith *praise God* for the answer, *but it is always accompanied by corresponding actions*. James says, "I will show you by my actions what faith is." James 2:18. *Genuine faith means that you are so convinced that God's promises are good that you praise Him for their fulfillment and act on them, even BEFORE you see them fulfilled. This puts God to work making them good.*

You may take all the other six steps of faith to receive healing from Christ, but *if when you pray for healing, you do not believe* that He hears you and that you have received the answer ... to the extent that you will praise Him for the answer and act on His Word of promise, *your faith profits you nothing*.

Almost the entire second chapter of James deals with this vital secret of faith — ACTING ON GOD'S WORD.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he have faith, and have not works (corresponding actions)? can faith save him?" James 2:14.

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? *EVEN SO FAITH, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*" James 2:15-17. James here compares faith to love. He says that love *in word* is of no value if *actions of love do not accompany those words*. "EVEN SO FAITH" *in words* is of no value if *actions of faith do not accompany those words*.

A lady in New York who had been sent home from a tuberculosis hospital to die, was reading the Scriptures one afternoon. She was a

wonderful Christian but had not been taught the truth of Divine healing.

Suddenly, she read: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." 1 Peter 2:24.

She wept with gratitude because Christ had *already* borne her sins. She *knew* that when her hour came to die, she was ready and was not afraid, because the Bible said that Christ *had already borne her sins*.

While rejoicing over this Scripture, she read further: "... by whose stripes YE WERE healed." 1 Peter 2:24. She reread the first part of the verse. It stated that Christ had already borne her *sins*. *It was in the past, so she was saved*. She knew it. No one could make her doubt it. But what about these last words of the same verse, "By whose stripes YE WERE healed"? Could they be true just as literally as the part concerning her sins? "Yes," she thought, "they **MUST** be true. They are God's Word!"

"Mother," she called, "did you know that God has said in His Word that I was healed?"

"Why, dear, what do you mean?" the mother replied.

"Look here," the daughter said, with tears flowing down her cheeks. "Just listen to this. The Bible says, 'by whose stripes *YE WERE healed*.' That must mean me. Just look at it. 'By whose stripes YE WERE healed.' *Mother, it has already been done. I'm healed. Get my clothes. I must get out of this bed.*" The mother tried to calm her daughter, but to no avail. She insisted: "Have you not taught us to believe all the Word of God? If this is God's Word, then it is true, *and I am healed, because God does not lie!*"

She arose, dressed herself, began praising the Lord as she walked through the house, and was completely healed. In less than three weeks, she was normal in weight, and X-rays showed that her lungs were perfectly sound.

What had happened? She had believed God's Word enough to act on it. It was her actions which proved that she had faith. She could have lain in bed and died of tuberculosis, if she had not acted on the Word, and arisen by faith, claiming what God declared was hers.

Thousands of good people die prematurely, claiming all the time that they believe the Word of God. *But their faith is never accompanied by corresponding actions.* James says, "Faith, if it hath not corresponding actions, is dead, being alone." James 2:17.

They say that they believe God's Word is true. But at the same time, they act just the opposite. They lie in bed talking about their faith, but at the same time they are afraid to arise by faith, act on His Word, and claim their healing. Their faith may be great, *but it is dead, and so profits them nothing.* There is no ACTION.

James said in substance: *"Try to convince me that you have faith, when you never act like it; I will ask you to observe my ACTIONS to see my faith."* James 2:18. Reverend Byrum, a great Bible teacher of the late 1800s, relates the following incident that occurred in his life:

"Shortly after the Lord called me to work for Him, I learned a very precious lesson about faith. There was much sickness in our community. Three of our family had been stricken down with fever. I felt the disease taking hold of me and was soon overpowered by it. Lying in bed with a burning fever, and suffering excruciating pain, I began to commune earnestly with the Lord. I told Him that He had called me to a ministry which in my present condition I was unable to fulfill.

"As there were no elders who believed in healing to call upon, I began to refer my case to the Lord and to quote His many wonderful promises, among which was: If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' John 15:7.

"I examined my consecration and then asked Him to search me. I was willing to do anything for Him, and I said, 'Lord, I am abiding in Thee, and Thy words are abiding in me, so this promise is mine. I give my case entirely into Thy hands, and I pray Thee, with all my heart, HEAL ME!'

"Then I waited for the work to be done, but no change came. Finally I said, 'Lord, why am I not healed?'

"The answer came at once: 'TAKE ME AT MY WORD AND ARISE.'

"I said, 'Amen, Lord, I will.' And without hesitation, I began to get out of bed. It seemed as if my head would burst with pain, but in my weakness, I began to dress myself.

"When half dressed, a slight change came over me, and dropping upon my knees, I thanked the Lord for it. After dressing and rendering thanks again, I was much better, and walked into another room declaring that the Lord had healed me. Within twenty minutes, the fever had entirely left my body. Immediately I went to work, and was well from that very hour.

"I am very sure that had I lain, and refused to act boldly on God's Word in faith, I would have had to pass through a long siege of sickness, To God be all the glory! It taught me a very valuable lesson in trusting Him and His Word. I found that when faith is ACTED, in spite of every contradictory symptom, God will always fulfill His Word."

James says, "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26.

All through the Bible, men of faith were men of action. Men who BELIEVED God's Word were men who ACTED on His Word.

Jesus said to the paralytic: "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." Mark 2:11. The man did not reason, "But

Lord, I am paralyzed." He believed Christ's spoken Word enough to act on it. HIS ACTION PROVED HIS FAITH.

"Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all." Mark 2:12.

Jesus commanded a man with a withered hand, *"Stretch forth thine hand."*²¹ He did not explain that the hand was withered, and that, therefore, he could not stretch it forth. *He believed Christ's Word enough to act on it* and "he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other." Mark 3:5.

Jesus found a crippled man and said unto him, *"Rise, take up thy bed, and walk."* The man believed His Word, and immediately put his faith into action, and he was restored. John 5:8-9.

At Peter's house, his mother-in-law was in bed, sick of a fever. Luke tells us that Jesus "rebuked the fever," Luke 4:39, and Mark says, "He took her by the hand, and *lifted her up*; and immediately the fever left her." Mark 1:31. This is a perfect example of FAITH IN ACTION: (1) He rebuked the fever, (2) He made her arise and act her faith, and (3) the fever left her.

In The Book of Acts, Peter commanded the crippled man: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, *rise up and walk*," Acts 3:6. The man acted on the word of Peter, spoken in Jesus' Name, and was immediately healed. Acts 3:7-9.

Peter told a man who had been paralyzed for eight years, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: *arise, and make thy bed*." Acts 9:34, "And he arose immediately." Acts 9:34.

We act on the word of our postman. He tells us that a registered parcel awaits us at the post office. We believe him and go claim the parcel, even before we have seen it.

We act on the word of the doctor. He tells us to take three pills each day. We believe him and take the pills, even before we have felt any

results.

We act on the word of our banker. He notifies us that a friend has deposited a sum of money to our account. We believe him and begin checking on the money, even though we have not seen it.

We act on the Word of our Heavenly Father. He tells us, "I am the LORD that healeth thee;" Exodus 15:26, "by his stripes ye were healed;" 1 Peter 2:24, etcetera. We believe Him, we go to Him in prayer claiming His healing. We believe that He hears our prayer. We arise from our beds of sickness, and praise Him for the answer, *even before we feel the results.* WE ACT ON HIS WORD, AND GOD CONFIRMS IT.

"I watch over my word to perform it." Jeremiah 1:12 L.T.

"There hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised." 1 Kings 8:56.

"All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen." 2 Corinthians 1:20.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35.

In the days of the Bible, men of faith acted on the "*spoken*" Word of God; today we act on the "*written*" Word of God.

God says, "I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass ... I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD." Ezekiel 12:25. Daniel said, "And he

(God) hath confirmed his words, which he spoke." Daniel 9:12.

Peter said, "The word of the Lord endureth forever." 1 Peter 1:25.

Paul said, "The promise is SURE to all the seed," Romans 4:16, and "What he (God) promised, he is able to perform." Romans 4:21.

The angel said, "No word from God is void of power." Luke 1:37 R.V.

Believe God's Word today. Act on His Word this hour. This little book has brought new light to you. Now walk in that light.

It has built your faith. *Now put ACTION with that faith.*

It has acquainted you with God's promises. *Now ACT on those promises.*

Suppose a man, bound hand and foot and cast into prison, were to make an appeal for a pardon. The jailer comes and presents the paper showing that his request for a pardon has been granted. The normal thing for that man to do is, 1) *to be thankful*, and 2) *to walk out of prison*, because he is legally a free man.

Suppose the jailer reads the pardon, takes off the fetters, unlocks the prison doors, throws them open, and says, "You are free. Go your way in peace."

But the man says: "I know the pardon says that I am free, and I believe every word of it, but I am yet in prison."

"The doors are open; come out!" says the jailer. "I know the doors are open, and I know I would be free if I were out; but I am not out."

"Well, come out!" persists the jailer, and asks, "Do you not believe the pardon?"

"Yes, I believe every word of it, but it seems as if I will never get out of this place."

A pardon would be of no value to such a person, because *HE WILL NOT ACT ON IT.*

In like manner, the promises of healing are of no benefit to those who will not *act on them.*

No matter how much you may pray, cry, beg, and even fast, *if you will not ACT ON GOD'S WORD, your faith is dead and profits you*

nothing.

No matter how many may pray the prayer of faith for you, your own unbelief renders those prayers ineffective, when you fail to ACT ON GOD'S WORD.

Your refusal to act on His Word is in reality your refusal to accept the answer. When you do not act on His promise, that indicates that you do not believe that you "HAVE RECEIVED" the answer. And God does not promise to begin your healing until *after* you believe that you "have received" the answer.

Even if you were healed, the disease would most likely return, if you failed to learn the secret of *acting on God's Word*.

Your *acting* on GOD'S promise is actually THE PROOF OF YOUR FAITH.

Many who say that they have all the faith in the world *prove just the opposite* by their ACTIONS. For example, they will say: "Oh yes, I have all the faith in the world! I've always believed the Bible! But somehow I just can't get healed. I try and try to believe, but it seems I don't get anywhere." They remain in bed, or continue to use their aids.

Such a person ignores the fact that God says: "With his stripes WE ARE HEALED." Isaiah 53:5. He refuses to believe that he was made well in Christ when He bore the stripes by which we were healed. He agrees that the Word is true, with his head, but he has never believed it with his heart, and has never ACTED ON GOD'S WORD. Faith is always expressed more in ACTIONS than in

When those four men, in the Gospel of St. Mark, came carrying that man sick of a palsy, and let him down through the roof, Jesus, "*SEEING THEIR FAITH*" — not *hearing* them brag about how much faith they had, but SEEING their faith, healed the man. He *saw* faith in their ACTIONS. Mark 2:5,11.

Never *talk* about or brag about your faith. If you have faith, fine! "Without faith it is impossible to please him." Hebrews 11:6. But don't talk about it all the time. ACT YOUR FAITH. That is BELIEVING.

If God says, "I am the LORD that healeth THEE" and "who healeth THY diseases," then ACT ON THAT, and put God to work making it good. Don't lie in bed, bragging about your faith, yet complaining about your pain, *but rise up and take God at His Word, thus ACTING YOUR FAITH, and God will make His Word good to you.*

Your faith becomes stronger as you ACT ON THE WORD, and let the Word live in you as it lived in Jesus. You become a "DOER OF THE WORD," James 1:22, a PRACTICER OF THE WORD — not a "talker about the Word." God is no closer to anyone else than He is to you. He will answer no one any quicker than He will answer you. He is YOUR God. The WORD is YOURS. Christ, the Healer is yours!

If God says, "I am the LORD that HEALETH THEE," Exodus 15:26, and you believe these words, you will ACT ON THEM. Then the bedridden will arise by faith and will be made whole. The lame man will leap as a hart. The tongue of the dumb will begin to sing. Deaf ears will be unstopped. Pains will flee, darkness will be banished, *and you will begin to DO the very things you could NOT DO before you took God AT HIS WORD, ACTED ON THAT WORD, and were healed.*

God will create in your body the very thing that you need in order to be well and strong. Weakness will be transformed into strength. Death will be transformed into life. Sickness will be transformed into health. Impossibilities will be made possibilities.

During one of our campaigns, the crowd packed around the yard-wall of the auditorium from 3 o'clock in the afternoon waiting for the gates to be opened at 6:30. One poor woman carried her husband on her back, all the way from the country. He had suffered a complete paralytic stroke. Upon reaching the auditorium yard,

finding the gates locked, but seeing hundreds of others climbing the walls to gain entrance to the building, she proceeded to shove her husband over the wall, climbed the wall herself, picked him up and carried him into the building and brought him to me for prayer. This was *acting her faith*. Needless to say, *he walked out*, healed by God's power. FAITH IN ACTION ALWAYS WINS.

Never be afraid to BELIEVE GOD and to ACT upon HIS WORD. Remember that Jesus said to the father of the little girl who was reported by the skeptics to be dead, "be not afraid, only BELIEVE." St. Mark 5:36. He said, "The things which are IMPOSSIBLE with men are POSSIBLE with God." Luke 18:27

Chapter 26: WALKOUT TO FREEDOM

WE HAVE NOW GIVEN YOU SEVEN STEPS TO RECEIVE MIRACLE HEALING.

- 1. Know that the age of miracles has not passed, and that physical healing is part of Christ's ministry today.*
- 2. Know God's promises to heal in the Scriptures, and be firmly convinced that they are made for YOU personally.*
- 3. Understand that God wants you to be well; that only Satan wants you to suffer.*
- 4. Understand that Divine healing is a part of salvation.*
- 5. Ask God to heal you according to His promises and believe that He hears your prayer.*
- 6. Believe when you pray that you have received what you asked for.*
- 7. Praise the Lord for the answer to your prayer and act on His promise.*

These same steps of faith will bring about the fulfillment of any promise which God has made to His children. Carefully following these seven steps of faith will cause God to manifest in your life any blessing which Christ died to provide. (Get our new book, *How to Enjoy Plenty*, and discover God's 7-fold Blessing Covenant for man's 7-basic needs in life.)

We could, in fact, state the way of faith in only three steps:

1. *KNOW what God has promised.*
2. *ASK Him to do what He promised to do.*
3. *ACT like He has done what He promised to do.*

These are the three principal steps of faith to receive anything God has promised, or any blessing Christ has provided.

KNOWLEDGE of the promise comes first. PRAYER comes next. ACTION, with praise, comes last.

When you have a clear knowledge of God's promise to you, and have asked Him to fulfill it, then He expects you to begin to do, by faith, the things which you could not do without His help. *Your actions and praise prove the reality of your faith, and God confirms His Word and fulfills His promise.*

Act your faith. Act on His Word. Begin to do the things which you could not do before you asked Him to heal you. *He will confirm what He has promised.*

Rise above your doubts and fears. *Prove your faith by your actions.* Claim your liberty from Satan's prison of sickness. The promises of the Bible are God's guarantee of your liberty from sin and sickness. *Walk out of that prison of bondage, confessing God's promise as the basis for your freedom.*

You have known for a long time that God's Word was true, but you have never *acted* upon it. You have had faith, but you have never put that faith *into action*. You have made your faith a prisoner. It has been lying dormant because you have refused to ACT on God's Word.

Now, you can go free. Call on the Lord. Confess His promise. Ask Him to fulfill it. Believe that He hears you. Claim your healing by faith, *and begin to DO the things you could not do without His help.*

Your pains will vanish. Your weakness will be turned into strength. Light will come to your blind eyes. Sound will enter your deaf ears. Life will flow into your paralyzed limbs. God will make His Word good for you.

One night Christ's disciples labored with the fishing nets trying to catch a few fish. They were trying to make an honest living, but had caught NOTHING. Jesus came along and said, "Launch out into the deep, and LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A DRAUGHT." And Simon answering said unto him, "Master, we have toiled *all the night*, and have taken NOTHING: *nevertheless AT THY WORD I will let down the net.*" Hear it again: "Nevertheless, *AT THY WORD, I WILL* let down the net." Luke 5:4-5.

Peter did not stop to argue the unreasonableness of his Master's words. He did not stop to explain how hopeless the case was. He did not explain that he knew those waters, and that he knew there were no fish in that place, because he was smart enough to catch them if they were there.

Perhaps you have been ill for years. Many prayers have been offered for you. Many doctors have shaken their heads in the despair of fruitless efforts to help you. Maybe they have told you that only a higher power can heal you now. You have tried, time and again, to receive healing, and have failed. But, my friend, the Word still declares, "With his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.

Take new courage. This time say, "Nevertheless, AT THY WORD, I WILL come again." "AT THY WORD, I SHALL recover." "AT THY WORD I SHALL be completely healed." God's WORD cannot fail you. Believe it with all your heart and, AT HIS WORD, *act your faith.*

To the father of the lunatic son, Jesus said, "IF THOU CANST BELIEVE, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23. If you will ONLY BELIEVE, YOU will be healed right now where you are.

Rebuke and resist the enemy that has interfered with your health, and claim your healing.

PRAY LIKE THIS:

Heavenly Father; I thank You that You have made known these Truths to me. I thank You that Christ has home my diseases and my weaknesses for me. I thank You that I do not need to bear them, since Christ took them in my place. I am so glad to know the truth, that Satan is to blame for my sicknesses and that You have not placed them on me; that You want me to be well and strong so that I can glorify You and serve You. I thank You for the knowledge that I have legal rights and authority over all devils.

Now, Father, I come according to Your Word, expecting You to fulfill Your promise made to me; "I am the Lord that healeth thee." I ask You to do it now, in Jesus' Name, according to Your Word.

I rebuke the enemy that has caused my suffering. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I command the life of my sickness to leave, and every symptom to be destroyed by the power of my Lord.

Father, I thank You that You have heard my prayer and granted the answer NOW. I claim healing NOW, according to Your promise. I thank You that the source of my sickness is destroyed, and that according to Jesus' promise, I SHALL RECOVER. In Jesus' Name I have prayed, and I KNOW my petition is both heard and granted. Amen!

Now that you have prayed and condemned your disease in Jesus' Name, be assured that God has heard and answered your petition. "Hold fast the profession of your faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised." Hebrews 10:23.

Allow the devil to hear nothing from your lips *but the confession of God's Word*. If Satan suggests that God has not heard and answered you, "resist him steadfast in the faith, and he will flee from you." James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9. He is a liar. John 8:44. God's Word is true. God watches over it to perform it for you. Jeremiah 1:12; Ezekiel 12:25. Begin doing the things which you could not do before. Do them in Jesus' Name, claiming the healing which He has provided, and for which you have asked.

Every week testimonies come to us from those who have been miraculously healed by our Lord as they have come to understand these Truths, and have acted on them. I would appreciate a personal letter from *you*, telling me what God has done in *your* life as a result of this book.

What God has done for others, He is ready right now to do for you.

Chapter 27: YOU ARE TRANSFORMED

WHEN YOU DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS in God and identify with His purpose for you on this earth, *you have begun to really live THE LIFE GOD INTENDED FOR YOU TO LIVE.*

It is a lifestyle based on positive faith, positive thinking, positive talking, positive acting.

What is the source of this positive faith?

"Faith cometh by hearing the word of God." Romans 10:17. *Here are fifty-two facts which lift you from boring mediocrity to fruitful partnership with God.* They are the magic steppingstones that lead you from the condemning guilt complexes of living out of harmony and out of contact with God *to the success and exhilarating self-esteem which develop when you discover who you are and how you can come to God and share His kind of Lifestyle.*

You discover a new power, a new goal and purpose. You are transformed from defeat to success, from sickness to health, from boredom to enthusiasm, from problems to solutions, from pressure to pleasure, from poverty to prosperity, from hopelessness to happiness.

You are blessed, and your loved ones are benefited too.

The Bible says: "Old things are passed away; behold, ALL THINGS are become NEW." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

These fifty-two facts will guide you in a successful, happy Christian life. Then they become the foundation stones of God's PACT OF PLENTY - His FULL-LIFE POLICY that covers YOU and YOUR HOUSE.

Review them often. Rehearse them in prayer. Recite them in family worship. Recount them to loved ones and to friends. Enumerate them. Memorize them. They will keep you LIVING THE GOOD LIFE as you keep them in your heart and on your lips.

Anyone who embarks on this new life with Christ will, sooner or later, discover a very real enemy. The Bible calls him Satan, and mentions him at least 175 times by such names as Lucifer, Isaiah 14:12-14, the devil, Matthew 4:1; Ephesians 6:11, Satan, Revelation 12:9, the adversary, 1 Peter 5:8, the god of this world, 2 Corinthians 4:4, the enemy, Matthew 13:39, the tempter, Matthew 4:3, the wicked one, Matthew 13:19, the ruler of darkness, Ephesians 6:12, the murderer, John 8:44, and by other names.

You will meet him in his most subtle form as "*the accuser.*" *Revelation 12:10.*

So when you are discouraged, or tempted to doubt your experiences with God, rehearse these fifty-two *FACTS of the Christian life.*

That is the effective way to "resist the devil," and James said, "he will flee from you." James 4:7.

The Apostle John said, "They overcame (Satan) by the ... WORD of their testimony;" Revelation 12:11, and Jesus defeated every temptation of Satan by saying, "IT IS WRITTEN," Matthew 4:4, 7, 10, then by quoting a Scripture.

That is why I say that when the accuser tempts you, rehearse these facts and confess these Scriptures and it will happen to you as it did to Jesus: "Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him " Matthew 4:11.

So learn these facts, and make these verses your confession:

1. YOU WERE A SINNER BEFORE YOU RECEIVED CHRIST.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

2. YOU WERE GUILTY BEFORE GOD, UNDER THE PENALTY OF DEATH.

"For the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.

3. BUT GOD LOVED YOU TOO MUCH TO SEE YOU PERISH.

"He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

4. GOD OFFERED HIS BEST TO PROVE HIS LOVE TO YOU.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

5. CHRIST WAS GOD'S GIFT AND HE DIED FOR YOU.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

6. YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR SINS SEPARATED YOU FROM GOD.

"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you." Isaiah 59:2.

7. KNOWING YOUR SINS COST GOD HIS SON, AND JESUS HIS LIFE AND BLOOD, YOU REPENT OF THEM.

"Ye sorrowed to repentance ... for godly sorrow worketh repentance" 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, and you know that "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

8. YOU CONFESS YOUR SINS TO HIM AND ARE CLEANSED.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

9. YOU RECOGNIZE JESUS AT THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART. YOU OPEN IT AND HE COMES IN.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (meaning to dine and have fellowship together). Revelation 3:20.

10. YOU RECEIVE JESUS AND BECOME GOD'S CHILD.

"As many as received Jesus Christ, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

11. YOU BECOME A NEW CREATURE.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

12. YOU KNOW YOU ARE BORN AGAIN BECAUSE YOU RECEIVE CHRIST.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," John 3:7, and when you received Christ with power to become God's son, John 1:12, you were "born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," John 1:13, "by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Peter 1:23.

13. YOU BELIEVE THE POWERFUL MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL THAT SAVES YOU.

"The Gospel... is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Romans 1:16.

14. YOU BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST BECAUSE OF THE RECORD OF THE GOSPELS.

"These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his

name.” John 20:31.

15. YOU CALL ON HIS NAME AND ARE SAVED.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:13.

16. YOU RECOGNIZE THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," John 14:6, "for there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5.

17. YOU KNOW THERE IS SALVATION IN NONE OTHER.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
Acts 4:12.

18. YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS AS SAVIOR.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9.

19. YOU BELIEVE THAT THE LORD COMES INTO YOUR LIFE.

"I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people ... I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:16, 18.

20. YOU DO NOT TRUST IN ANY GOOD WORKS OR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS TO BE SAVED.

"Our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6. Your salvation was "not of works, lest any man should boast" Ephesians 2:9.

21. YOU ARE SAVED ONLY BY GOD'S MERCY. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:5-7.

22. YOU KNOW CHRIST'S DEATH JUSTIFIES YOU BEFORE GOD.

"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1.

23. YOU KNOW HIS BLOOD REMOVES YOUR SINS.

"This is my blood ... which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:28. "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Romans 5:9.

24. YOU KNOW YOU ARE CLEANSED FROM SIN.

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood;" Revelation 1:5, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:14.

25. YOU KNOW YOUR SINS ARE PUT AWAY AND FORGOTTEN.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," John 1:29, having "removed our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west" Psalm 103:12, so that "your sins and iniquities will he remember no more." Hebrews 10:17.

26. YOU KNOW YOUR SINS WERE PAID FOR BY CHRIST'S DEATH.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him." Isaiah 53:5.

27. WITH YOUR SINS PUNISHED AND WASHED AWAY, YOU KNOW THEY CAN NEVER CONDEMN YOU AGAIN.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus," Romans 8:1, "for God made him who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ" 2 Corinthians 5:21, and "where remission is, there is no more offering for sin" Hebrews 10:18, so that now NOTHING "shall separate us from the love of Christ." Romans 8:35-39.

28. YOU KNOW WHEN YOU ACCEPT CHRIST YOU RECEIVE HIS LIFE.

"He that hath the Son hath life," 1 John 5:12, for "he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John 17:3.

29. YOU KNOW SATAN WILL ACCUSE YOU.

He is "the accuser of our brethren ... which accused them before our God day and night" Revelation 12:10, just like he did to Job. Job 1:6-12.

30. YOU ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS WORKS. "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Corinthians 2:11. For we know that he "cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." John 10:10.

31. YOU KNOW HOW JESUS OVERCAME HIM. "But he answered and said, IT IS WRITTEN." Matthew 4:4,7,10.

"Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him." Matthew 4:11.

32. YOU KNOW JESUS PROVED THAT SATAN COULD NOT WIN.

"Christ was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:15-16.

33. YOU KNOW HE FAITHFULLY HELPS YOU IN TEMPTATION.

"There is no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13.

34. YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE TWO WEAPONS SATAN CAN NEVER CONQUER.

"And they overcame him (the devil who accused them before God day and night) by the BLOOD of the Lamb, and by the WORD of their testimony." Revelation 12:11.

35. YOU KNOW SATAN CANNOT WIN OVER YOUR FAITH.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith." 1 Peter 5:8-9. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you;" James 4:7-8, "but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5:18.

36. YOU KNOW YOUR FAITH IS THE VICTORY. "For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

37. YOU KNOW NOT TO LOVE THE WORLD BUT TO DO GOD'S WILL.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world

passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1 John 2:15-17.

38. YOU KNOW CHRIST CAME TO DEFEAT YOUR ENEMY.

"For this purpose the Son of God Was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8.

39. YOU KNOW SATAN IS NO MATCH FOR CHRIST IN YOU.

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27, "I will dwell in you and walk in you ... saith the Lord Almighty;" 2 Corinthians 6:16, 18, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome ... because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4.

40. YOU KNOW YOUR NEW LIFE SOURCE IS THE LORD.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

41. YOU KNOW YOUR NEW LIFE HAS DIVINE PURPOSE.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand." Psalm 37:23-24.

42. YOU KNOW HE SEES YOU AND HEARS YOU.

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." 1 Peter 3:12.

43. YOU KNOW HE INVITES YOU TO CALL UPON HIM.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee;" Jeremiah 33:3, "ASK; and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth." Luke 11:9-10.

44. YOU KNOW WHEN YOU PRAY THAT HE ANSWERS.

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them;" Mark 11:24, "and whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13.

45. YOU KNOW THAT YOU BELONG TO GOD'S ROYAL FAMILY.

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

46. YOU KNOW THAT ALL CHRIST HAS NOW BELONGS TO YOU.

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. And so we should not be like cringing, fearful slaves, but we should behave like God's very own children, adopted into the bosom of his family, and calling to him, 'Father, Father.' For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts, and tells us that we really are God's children. And since we are his children, we will share his treasures — for all God gives to his Son Jesus is now ours too." Romans 8:14-17 L.B.

47. YOU KNOW YOU HAVE HIS LIFE IN YOUR FLESH NOW.

"That the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh," 2 Corinthians 4:11, for your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.

48. YOU KNOW YOU NEVER NEED TO LIVE IN WANT AGAIN.

"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:19, for "no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Psalm 84:11.

49. YOU NO LONGER FEAR DISEASES AND PLAGUES.

"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling," Psalm 91:10, because "I am the LORD that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26. Jesus "Himself took our infirmities and bare

our sicknesses," Matthew 8:17, and "with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24.

50. YOU NO LONGER ARE OPPRESSED BY PROBLEMS.

"Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

51. YOU KNOW YOU ARE A WINNER.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Romans 8:37. "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ;" Philippians 1:6, and "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24.

52. YOU KNOW CHRIST IS WITH YOU TO THE END.

"For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me," Hebrews 13:5-6, "and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

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